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SOUTH-EAST ASIA TO LOOM LARGE IN BIG THREE TALKS

Paris, Apr. 12.—South-East Asia and Indo-China would be among the first items on the agenda on which immediate policy decisions would be made at the Big Three (the United States, Britain and France) Foreign Ministers' talks in London next month, a French Foreign Office spokesman said tonight.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, would suggest a political and economic extension of the Atlantic Treaty when he meets the United States and British Foreign Ministers at these talks, the spokesman declared.

This suggestion, he said, would be "very carefully prepared."

It would urge Mr. Ernest Bevin and Mr. Dean Acheson to "consider how the defence of Western liberties could be reconciled with the maintenance of internal prosperity in the Western countries."

The spokesman added that the present military needs of the Western world "threaten the economy and finance of all the countries" and that "this problem can be tackled only at the international level."

The military requirements of the Western world in 1950 threaten the economy and finance of all the countries," the spokesman said.

The spokesman refused to reveal what solutions M. Schuman would propose, but said that an Economic Committee within the Atlantic Treaty or an extension of the powers of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, or the furthering of the links between the OEEC and the Atlantic Treaty were all possibilities.

The Lady In The Lake

Toulon, Apr. 12.—A body found in a packing case in a lake near here three days ago was today identified as a Spanish woman, *Redemption* Montane, who lived locally. She was a native of Toulon, De Llobrega, Catalonia.

Toulon police are searching for her French husband, a grocer, and his assistant. He closed his shop several days ago and has not been seen since.—Reuter.

NOT SUITED TO TASK

London, Apr. 12.—British schoolmasters spending their Easter vacation in conference, decided today that they disliked sex instruction in the classroom. The annual conference of the National Association of Schoolmasters at the Lancashire coast town of Morecambe, registered the conviction "that education in sex is the natural and normal duty and responsibility of the parents and not to be delegated to the teacher."

The mover of the resolution said that the fundamental facts of life should be learned from parents, spiritual and young teachers were not suited to the task.—Reuter.

Italian Strike Clashes



A woman demonstrator struggling against arrest during the recent Communist-inspired clashes in Rome when one man was killed and scores injured.—(London Express Service).

Hopes For Shanghai Evacuation By Sea Abandoned

Washington, Apr. 12.—The United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, announced today that plans to remove 2,000 foreigners from Shanghai by sea had been abandoned.

Mr. Acheson blamed difficulties with the Chinese Communists. He told a news conference that efforts would be made to obtain Communist permission to move the refugees to a North China port or to Hong Kong.

For more than two months, the State Department has been pressing the Communists to approve arrangements for the departure of the foreigners from Shanghai. Among them are about 300 Americans and 450 British subjects.

Mr. Acheson outlined the efforts made by the State Department to get American citizens out of Shanghai and the difficulties encountered.

He said that at one time they had planned to use the *Anking*, a British vessel in Hong Kong, which had been alerted by the British authorities to assist in the evacuation operations.

"Since over 450 British subjects wished to evacuate in addition to the 300 Americans, and since the Chinese river steamer could accommodate only 450 per trip, it would have required two ferry trips to evacuate the British and American citizens," Mr. Acheson said.

TOO LATE

"In addition, reports from Shanghai indicated that it would require two to five days to arrange Customs clearance and loading after final permission had been obtained for the ferry operations."

"This would have carried the evacuation operation almost one full week beyond the deadline set by the Nationalists even if permission had been granted at once by the Shanghai authorities," he said.

Mr. Acheson added that "it is now too late to carry through this plan, since any attempt to run through the mine fields would entail serious risks."—Reuter.

Mrs Tyrone Power Arriving

Linda Christian (Mrs Tyrone Power) is arriving in Hong Kong by PAL tomorrow and will be staying at the Peninsula Hotel.

Big American Sweep To Solve The Baltic Mystery YELLOW OBJECTS: A RAFT

Two Hundred Miles From Area In Soviet Clash Protest

Copenhagen, Apr. 12.—Search aircraft are sweeping the Baltic vigorously in an all-out attempt to discover traces of the missing Privateer patrol bomber, now suspected to have been shot down by Soviet fighters in the Latvia area.

Malaya Squatting New Bid To Break Terrorism

Singapore, Apr. 12.—Highest priority is expected to be given by the Malayan Federal Council to a Government report calling for the immediate resettlement of 300,000 Chinese squatters to break terrorist activities, it was disclosed today.

The squatters were said to form lawless settlements in the jungles, providing food and shelter for Communist terrorists. They have refused to give information to the authorities for fear of reprisals.

The Government report stated that the terrorist problem would last as long as the squatter problem. Informal sources here today said that the squatter resettlement could not be completed in less than three to five years and it was unlikely that the state of emergency would be concluded before then.—Reuter.

Not Yet Afraid Of Schnorkels

Ottawa, Apr. 12.—Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Fraser, British Chief of Naval Staff, said here today he was "sure" Russia has no super-high-speed Schnorkel submarines at present "although we think they will have them within five years."

The British naval chief, who is on a brief visit to the United States and Canada, said at a press conference that according to present information while Russia has about 200 under-sea craft "not more than four or five are of the Schnorkel type, capable of 10 knots while submerged."

"A Schnorkel type capable of 25 knots is a thing of the future—both for the Russians and ourselves," he added.

Anti-submarine weapons, he said, were keeping pace with submarine developments—particularly new developments in radar and Acoustic (anti-submarine detector indicator).—Reuter.

Rising Communist Activity Fighting Arms Aid: Naples Clash

The Communist Central Committee.

They deliberated at the Party's Headquarters in Via delle Polverine Obere—the "Street of the Dark Shops."

The agenda included a review of Italy's political and economic situation.

Priority was expected to be given to last night's unloading in Naples by non-Communist dockers of 310 tons American arms from the freighter *Exilona*.

Naples has remained tense since the departure of the last trainload of arms during the night for an "unknown destination."

Five people were slightly injured in a clash between strikers and non-strikers at the naval shipyard in Naples Bay. The police dispersed the crowd and made several arrests.

A crowd of about 1,000 strikers stood most of the day outside the Union Headquarters in Naples awaiting speeches and instructions from the union leaders. Groups of armed police were patrolling the streets.

Jeeps of Carabinieri guarded all entrances to the Piazza Dante to prevent strikers from missing in the Square for a procession through the streets of Naples. Buses and trams were running normally.—Reuter.

Cherbourg, Apr. 12.—Republican Security Guards and

Copenhagen Red Threat

Copenhagen, Apr. 12.—Police were rushed to Kastrup Airport tonight following a Communist Party announcement that a demonstration would be held there against the American "occupation."

When the demonstration did not take place at the time advertised the police were withdrawn. The police, however, are standing by for any emergency.—Reuter.

Forty Die In Train Sabotage

Lucknow, Apr. 12.—Forty bodies had been recovered tonight and at least 75 people were known to have been injured in an express train crash near Bitrol Station, United Provinces, early today.

Preliminary investigation had revealed that some fish-plates and dog-spikes on the track had been removed, it was reported.

The train crashed near Bitrol Station on the Duddh-Tirhut railway about 120 miles northwest of Lucknow.

The engine and five bogies were reported to have fallen into a dry bed stream as the train passed over a small bridge.

Winners were helping in the rescue operations. The firemen and another member of the crew were killed and the driver seriously injured.

A high railway official here this morning described the accident as "an act of sabotage."—Reuter.

Azis Given Chance To Change Mind

Djakarta, Apr. 12.—A specially chartered Dakota will fly 650 miles from Djakarta to Macassar tomorrow in case the Indonesian rebel leader, Captain Andi Abdul Aziz, has changed his mind about coming here to report to the Central Government.

If the plane returns empty, the next move will be up to the Central Government.

The former British paratrooper has ignored a Central Government ultimatum to leave Macassar, which his forces took over after a successful revolt a week ago.

A high-level defence conference was held here today to consider measures to be taken in the Macassar situation.

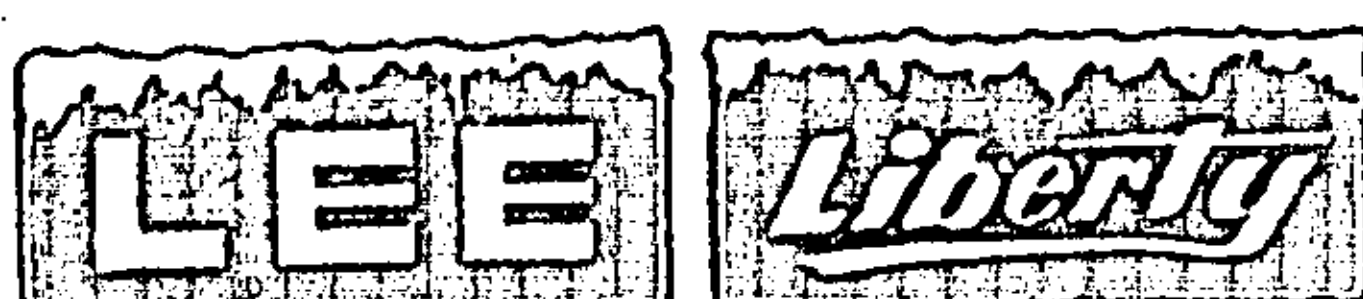
Two Indonesian Navy gunboats are on the way to Macassar Straits for "naval practice," it was officially announced today.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Queries About Mount Davis

THE Government's attempt to cater, within reason, for hard cases, victims of the acute housing shortage in the Colony, by organising a number of squatter settlements, taking care of water and sewage problems, has met with almost general approval. Under prevailing conditions, with Hongkong grossly over-populated for reasons requiring no recapitulation, squatters may be regarded as an inevitable reflection of the times. Apart from other inducements, a series of disastrous fires has forced administrative attention to the problem, and for better reasons alone, obviously, it is better, when total prohibition is out of the question, for the Government to take definite measures ensuring strict control. In that direction, much has already been done. Some of the officially prepared schemes have proved highly successful. Many of the inmates are working regularly and are economically self-sufficient. Unfortunately, not all the hutment camps come into the satisfactory category. Either the site is not suitable judged by all relevant considerations or supervision is inadequate. There have been, for instance, many complaints and criticisms concerning the camp in the Mount Davis zone. Questions are asked, particularly, regarding the peculiar choice of site. How did the camp blossom forth in or vitally close to a military area? How was it that strenuous objections—or an absolute ban—did not come from the military authorities and prevent its development? Whether there is sound basis for disquiet, it is not easy dogmatically to say. But the causes are clear enough. Observers, and the camp is close to a European residential area, insist that the camp's ready access to the sea has been advantageously used. Night after night, sampans and junk

arrive offshore, with the assumption drawn that the purpose is to disembark passengers, in addition, possibly, to the selling of seafoods. In the absence of any official restriction on the free movement of Chinese to and from Hongkong, at least for the time being, this traffic would cause little comment normally, except that the camp is placed as it is, and, were trouble contemplated, it could be easy to strike from. Fears, it is plain, arise from thoughts of possible infiltration tactics, a well demonstrated technique. And it is a contingency which is not altogether to be disregarded. It may be agreed that observers are not fully informed of precautions automatically taken, if there are any, of what check is made of occupants and their occupations, of how is ascertained the wanderings of the boat-owners. But the query does arise, and with it a contention that the provision of a hutment camp on Mount Davis appears on all grounds to be out of step with realities. If the denizens are working in the Colony, it is a curiously out-of-the-way place to house them. If, on the other hand, they are squatting at the Government's expense, even on austere standards, why at Mount Davis? Why not on Lamma Island or Lantau with facilities designed to encourage farming or market gardening and lift from the taxpayer the burden of maintenance? The sole objection that assails has nothing to do with the practicability of the proposal. Hongkong today is seriously over-burdened by an excess of population. The more that is done to assist refugees, in the public knowledge, the greater the influx of indigents is likely to be. Nevertheless, the Mount Davis set-up is disturbing. A finding that the facts asserted correspond to the truth must compel investigation.



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It gives emphasis to that other spring sensation—cheeks—and when patent leather goes to the feet it is not only high style but a very practical fashion. A black patent leather pump or sandal looks right with sheers and pastels, while most leathers appear too heavy for delicate materials and colours.

The gleam of patent leather is the favoured bright spot in the accessory picture. Nothing is quite so smart with the beloved black and white check suit and with immaculate white collars and cuffs. Nothing adapts itself so well to a variety of print and coloured costumes.

Pastels Bloom

The more familiar black patent leather has now blossomed into pastels—luscious pinks and buttery yellows, interesting reds, good marine blues and a range of light browns. And they're genuine patent leather—the real thing, not the old looking "white" patent leather that looked like a piece of old kitchen oil-cloth.

You'll even find coats, designed for rain or shine, of the new supple patent leather, with matching hat and umbrella.

Camisole Top

Little boy linen shorts topped by a camisole of black embroidered batiste with thin shoestring shoulder straps of black patent leather are seen.

Shining Success



By GRACE THORNCLEIFFE

IRIDESCENT green and navy taffets with little woven dots adds up to a pretty piece of shimmering fabric. It is used for a smart little dress that goes in for a puffed blouse achieved through the medium of released tucks from the waist. The skirt has an inverted pleat in front and is straight in back. The removable skirt is of white silk faille.

Commencing To-morrow: "MY DREAM IS YOURS"

Dana Andrews Tears Down A Wall To Make Room For His Son's Talent

By PATRICIA CLARY

Hollywood. Dana Andrews is reluctantly ready to tear down his house to make room for his son's talents.

Young David Andrews needs a pipe organ. It doesn't matter, to David, how many walls have got to go.

"It took me three men backing me for three years while I studied dramatics before I made the grade in pictures," Andrews said. "So I think the least I can do is back my own son in his ambition, even if we're backed out of our home."

It started when David, who had been taking piano lessons, ran across an electric organ at the Webb School for Boys. Just when his interest was roused Charles Skouras donated a genuine theatre pipe organ to the school.

Someday . . .

Skouras, whose son is also a student, is a 20th Century-Fox executive and the boss of Andrews senior, who is starring in 20th's "Where the Sidewalk Ends."

David switched from piano to pipe organ practice and now his teacher says he may some day be a concert organist.

CAUSES OF INFLAMED MOUTH

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

STOMATITIS merely means inflammation of the mouth and, since inflammation may be due to anything from the irritation of hot foods to the action of germs, treatment is of little avail until the cause is found.

Among the most frequent causes of stomatitis are injuries to the mouth's lining membrane or to the tongue from decayed teeth, tartar on the teeth, and improper care of the mouth. The use of over-hot foods or liquids may also be responsible, or the condition may be brought on by the swallowing of chemical substances, such as strong acids or alkalis.

Due To Teeth

In those cases where the condition is due to the teeth, of course, the services of a dentist are required.

Where chemicals or hot foods are at fault, a soft, non-irritating diet should be employed. Alcoholic beverages and smoking are forbidden, and the patient is given a cleansing, soothing mouth wash, such as a mixture of boric acid and glycerine.

Sometimes inflammation of the mouth may follow the use of such drugs as mercury, bismuth and gold, employed in the treatment of various diseases. The inflammation of the mouth tends to clear up promptly after the drug producing the disturbance is stopped.

Caused By Infection

Stomatitis may also be caused by infection with germs, such as the streptococcus. In one form may be a complication of pyorrhea. In another form, the infection first takes hold in the tonsils and throat, spreading to the roof of the mouth and to the lining membranes of the cheeks. The disorder may be accurately diagnosed by making a culture of the throat.

In this condition, also, careful treatment of the gums and teeth by a dentist is important to clear out hidden nests or pockets of germs.

Penicillin, applied locally in the mouth or given by injection into a muscle, may help clear up this type of infection.

Trench mouth is another cause of stomatitis. This disorder, as a rule, may be cleared up rapidly by the injection of penicillin into a muscle.

Profile Hats for Spring

By Prunella Wood

THE so-called profile hat which masses its trimming along one cheek or out from it, is much seen this spring, in stark or beflowered versions to accompany the season's soft tailoring.

We show you two: Left, felt with a rolled brim and huge taffeta draped loop coin dotted with the felt; below, all navy satin with jockey brim rolled back and stiffened loop bow set almost at a right angle.



Harryson Hats

Solving A School Problem:

One Way Out Of Fraction Difficulty

TO many a child common fractions are only figures, be estimating in half inches, quarter inches and the like. Fortunately, a few of the children's magazines present features on things for the young; child to him. He sees no good reason why when you add two-thirds and three-fourths you should not get five-sevenths. If, however, he is good at following rules he might do all sorts of exploits with fractions without knowing what it's all about or even what a single fraction means.

But such confusion or misapprehension of empty symbols and numbers cannot happen to the child who has arrived naturally at the meaning of common fractions. As one-half, one-fourth, two-thirds and the like through measuring and making things from paper, cardboard or wood for fun, weighing and measuring simple recipes.

By CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

If your child has trouble with common fractions, have some fun with him at simple measuring and making things. Then you won't have occasion for fun, weighing and measuring simple recipes.

Common Fractions

The child should not have to wait until he begins to take up common fractions at school. He can and should have such experiences as we have named, years earlier. Before he enters school he may often hear or use (with meaning) the words half and quarter.

In the modern primary grades the child is encouraged to colour, draw and make things with his hands for fun. He estimates sizes and distances but rarely measures. He seldom or never uses a ruler. The theory being that his creativeness might thereby be hampered. Something may be said in defence of this theory though a bit of measuring during the second or third grade might do him no harm. He would find it interesting.

Fun at Home

It could be profitable fun at home. With you or with a schoolmate, your child 7, 8 or 11 could have useful amusement with a ruler at measuring short distances and dimensions and then measuring with a ruler to see how well they had

Household Hints

Old powder puffs are soft and flexible enough to make excellent silver polishers, and for applying cleaner to mirrors. They also make good polishers and dust removers for shoes.

To remove lark from a boy's shirt, mix four quarts boiling water, two tablespoons chlorine bleach, one-fourth cup yellow laundry soap, one teaspoon detergent. Roll shirt in this mixture for 20 minutes.

There's The Detachable Top Petticoat

STRAPLESS slips, camisole tops and a new petticoat with zip-on top are looking in this spring. Most styles are made in white cotton and in pink, white and black multi-fabric rayon.

Outstanding in a New York collection is the item called the "Pet-Zip-Slip," a petticoat with detachable camisole top. The top appears with or without straps and the strapless version has elastic in the top which is concealed by eyelet banding with an inserted ribbon. A zipper at the waistline in front detaches the petticoat which has an elastic waistband and is trimmed with an eyelet ruffle at the hemline. The slip is offered in both cotton and multi-fabric rayon and will go with different colours for top and bottom as well as in one colour.

Also in the line is a strapless slip with elasticized top and eyelet trim. Aided at the bodice by fagotted seams, in both cotton and rayon.

Eyelet and lace trim appear frequently in the collection, with faceted seams used in many of the items.

New street shades—loast, almond, and banana—in addition to black, navy, pink and white, are a feature of the new line of "newform" slippers. They are shown in multicoloured rayon and crepeback satin, the two fabrics which will make up the major part of the line.

Arms Require Beauty Care



Follow Brush-Daggett & Hamdell

Give special attention to arms when you wear formal dress. For a smooth finish, apply a little foundation lotion; follow with face powder.

By HELEN FOLLETT

If a woman has pretty arms, it is a safe bet that she will move them beautifully. She won't let them dangle straight down when sitting, neither will she have upper and lower arms at an angle.

Over-developed arms should be draped when the evening gown is worn, and the slinkies among us should do likewise. Lucky is the girl whose arms are well proportioned, of graceful contour. But even she may have need of improvement in the way of keeping the skin surface in condition. Goose flesh is a common curse.

To overcome this trouble, the arms should be given a thorough massage treatment once a week. Bathe them with a bland soap and warm water; use a heavily-bristled brush vigorously to hasten up circulation. Wrap out a good sized bath towel, wrap it around the arms to make the flesh glow. Dry briskly.

Now apply a heavy emollient. Or, if you would keep the beauty budget down, use coconut butter, which is soothing and an excellent medium for massage. Start the treatment at the finger tips, rubbing the cream into the cuticle surrounding the nails. Work upward to the shoulders with up and down strokes. Forming a bracelet with fingers and thumbs of the right hand, press deeply into the left arm.

Give extra special attention to the elbows that seem always in need of cosmetic help as the flesh is thicker and coarser there, particularly subject to freckles. Keep on thumbing until the lubricant has almost disappeared.

Sprinkle on talcum powder, forming a pack. Slap and pat. This treatment should be given at bedtime, so the flesh can lap up the coconut butter later.



Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

The Secret Of Baking

Good Plain Biscuits

"MADAME, I find here several things I do not understand. This pamphlet is all about baking biscuits, which I consider delicious but bread, a specialty of America. Am I right?" asked the Chef.

"Yes, Chef, baking powder biscuits, or their companions, soda biscuits or beaten biscuits are favourites in every part of the country. When we go South we have the beaten biscuits, or sometimes small baking powder biscuits, made very rich with lard, and always served very hot. In New England or the Middle West the biscuits are a little thicker. On the Pacific coast they make them small and dainty."

Plain Biscuits

"But in all these sections they are plain American biscuits, served with the meal instead of yeast bread or rolls. Am I right, Madame?"

"Yes, but what in the world are you driving at?"

"Madame, in this pamphlet I find so many strange variations and attempts to improve upon this excellent food that I fear the biscuits of 1950 will not even be good biscuits."

"I agree, Chef, the American family likes a good, plain hot baking powder biscuits. It's a traditional American food."

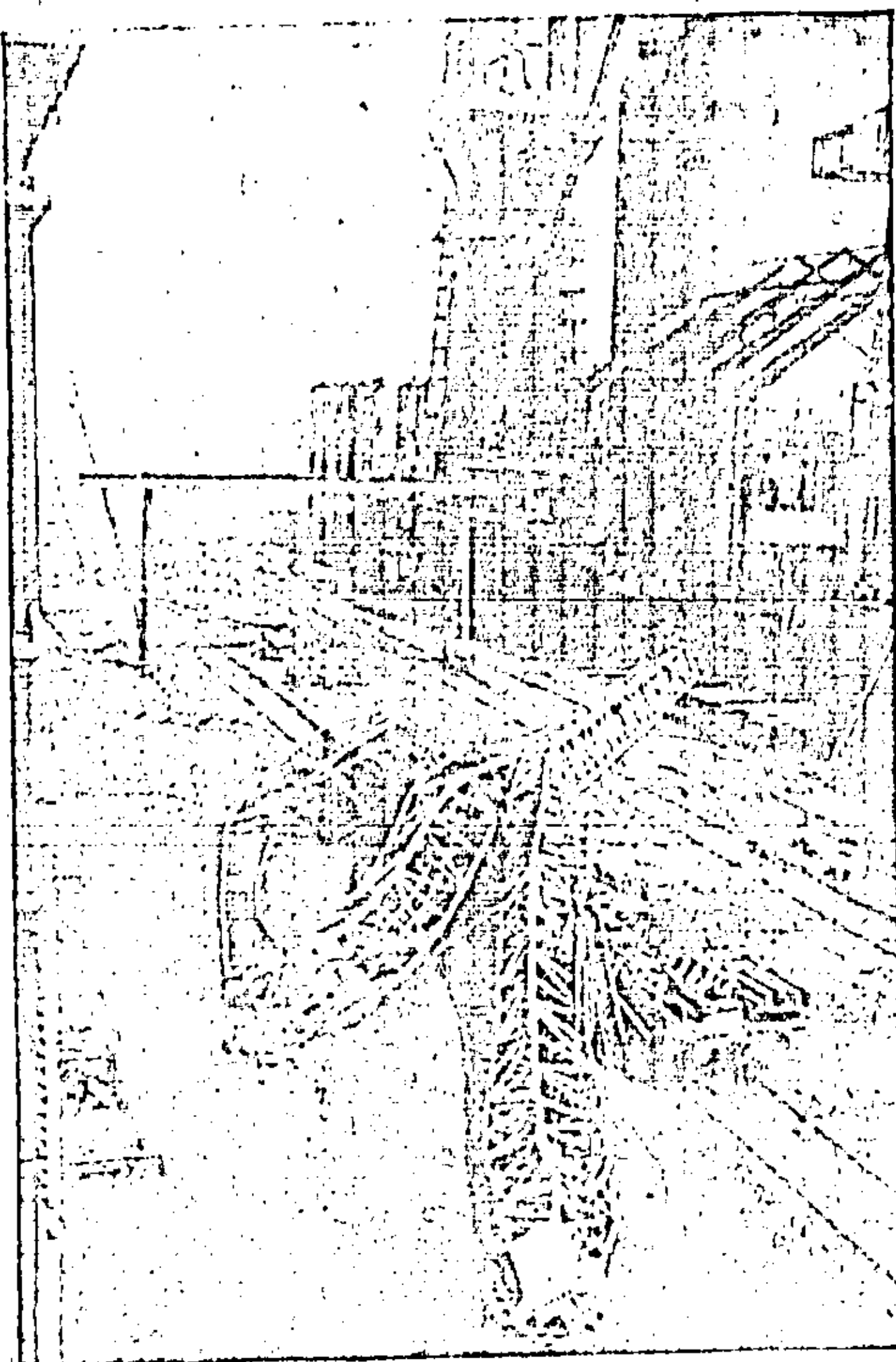
"However, there are a few standard variations of baking powder biscuits that people enjoy; biscuits containing grated cheese are good with a vegetable salad plate for luncheon; raisin biscuits are good with tea or cocoa for lunch or supper, and taffy or orange marmalade biscuits are good for any dessert with tea, coffee, milk or cocoa."

"Do you think most homemakers can make good baking powder biscuits, Madame?"

"Many do, Chef. But judging from various baking contests which I've been a judge, there is still much that can be learned about making baking powder biscuits, even by experienced homemakers. Many of the biscuits are too 'sandy' in texture. They should not be more than an inch thick at the most; the texture should be tender and the crust crisp. In general, more shortening should be used. And the biscuits should be made with all-purpose, enriched flour, not with cake flour. They should not be kneaded. In my opinion this makes biscuits too close textured. So I mix them lightly, pat out and bake."

"Make up 1 recipe for baking powder biscuits. Divide the dough and pat into 2 (6 in.) squares. Spread 1 square with 2 tbsp. margarine or butter blended with 1/2 c. brown sugar. Top with a second square of dough; brush with a little melted butter or margarine and sprinkle over 1 tsp. brown sugar. Cut into 1 1/2 in. squares with a sharp knife. Bake in a moderately hot oven, 375 F. Orange Marmalade Biscuits: Follow the recipe for taffy biscuits using thick orange marmalade in place of the margarine or butter-sugar mixture."

WRECKING THE PLACE



THIS is the 180-foot derrier which was turned over by German workers to protest against dismantling of the blast furnace, centre right, at Salzgitter, in the British Zone. The derrier crashed across some goods cars loaded with reparations material bound for Yugoslavia. British troops moved into the plant following the disturbances by workers. (Acme)

THE RSM BECOMES A FILM STAR

By Peter Lovegrove

The loudest voice in the British Army, whose stentorian "Get Your Hair CUT!" and ominous "Never Seen ANY-thing Like It In ALL MY LIFE" have caused thousands of hardened soldiers to blench and quake on the barrack square, is going round the world—on a film sound-track.

It belongs to Regimental Sergeant-Major Ronald Brittain, Coldstream Guards, the present RSM of the Mons Officer Cadet Unit, Aldershot. Brittain plays the RSM of the Guards Depot of Caterham in the new British film, "They Were Not Divided," a part which he filled in real life a few years before World War Two.

This film depicts the activities of a Welsh Guards battalion in the Guards Armoured Division from just after Dunkirk through the D-Day landings, the bitter slogging in Normandy, the chase across Northwestern Europe to Arnhem and von Rundstedt's all-out counter-offensive at Christmas, 1944.

The military scenes are handled with accuracy and not a little humour. As long as it deals

with the iron discipline and training that go into the making of a Guardsman at Caterham, and portrays the "Foreign Legion" on the march and in battle in their Shermans, this production bears favourable comparison with the American "Battleground" which appeared a few weeks ago, and set such a high standard.

The Depot scenes ring true to life, and their effect on the outsider is heightened by the presence of an American volunteer, who is understandably bewildered when told "You're not in the Army now; you're in the Guards," and that "this world is divided into two parts: England and the colonies."

CLASS OF ITS OWN

And it reaches a class of its own when, after years of spit and polish and frustration without being committed to action, the tank crews drive off the LCT's on to a Normandy beach, and the long training suddenly becomes a grim reality. Caen, Falaise, Tilly-sur-Seulles, Caumont, the Beny Bocage, the Bailey bridges over the River Seine, that tremendous 150 km. march to the Belgian capital, the mud and the rain outside Nijmegen, and the 68's in the snow of the Ardennes, come back to life again with a fascinating realism.

The entry into Brussels is particularly effectively done. The Sherman's clattering over the cobblestones of the suburbs find almost deserted pavements and shuttered houses. A civilian who is asked the way to the Gare du Nord takes them for Panzer troops and sullenly answers that he does not know. Another behaves just as warily. Then realisation that "les Anglais" have arrived dawns on them; they cry out their joy and jump on the tanks to welcome the crews. The windows of the houses, and in the space of seconds, bedlam breaks loose and the tanks are submerged by wildly cheering crowds.

MOVING MOMENT

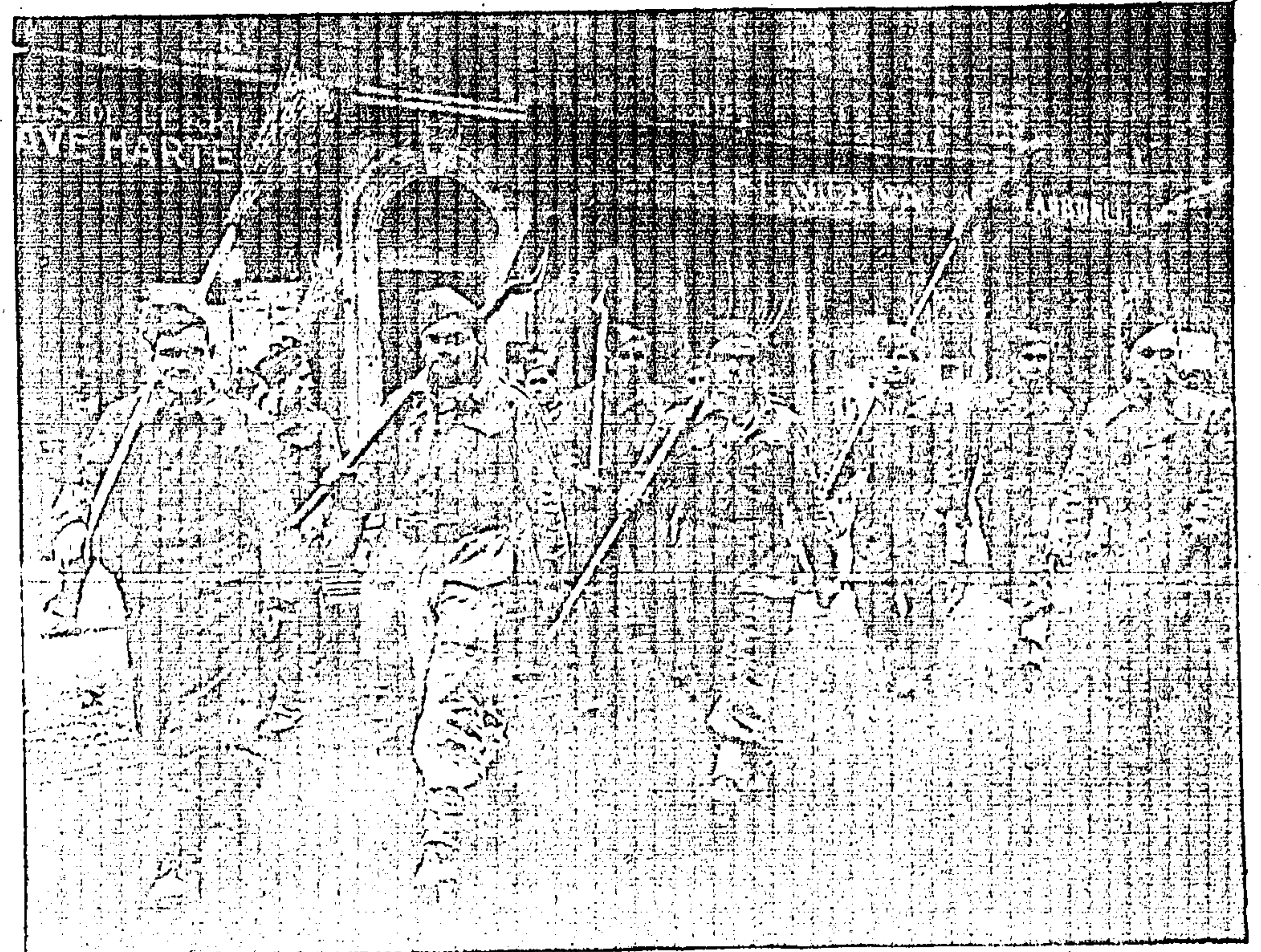
It is a strangely moving moment which has the authentic ring about it. This is not surprising, since the man responsible for "They Were Not Divided" did go through the campaign and was in Brussels on that great day. He is Terence Young, an ex-Irish Guards officer, who wrote the story while he was recovering from wounds, and then talked the Two Cities company into accepting it, and letting him direct the production, much of which was shot in Germany last year. The film, by the way, only cost £140,000.

Young has not been quite so happy with the romance which he has woven round the training and battle scenes. His sentimental episodes remain completely conventional, and their rather novelistic dialogue contrasts sharply with the naturalness of the rest of the film.

There are no big names in the cast, but it seems pretty certain that several of the very competent actors—all ex-Servicemen or serving soldiers—who help to make "They Were Not Divided" such a success will become recognised stars in the not too distant future.

(London Express Service)

DIFFERENT TYPE OF MOPPING-UP OPERATION



THESE FRENCH soldiers are getting ready for some extra duty in the streets of Paris, following issuance of an order to them to keep the streets clean. Because employees of the city's cleaning system were on strike, the Army has been given different sort of "mopping up" operation. (Acme).

Seven In Every 100 Jobless In America

By Frederick Cook

No-name Eight Planned Get-away Over Coffee

By CHARLES WIGHTON

Eight wartime R.A.F. Czech airmen, led by a blond D.F.C. ex-squadron-leader, sat round a table in Munich and planned the next moves in a fight against their country's Red terror.

The eight British-decorated "nameless" men, who manned the three passenger-filled Czech airliners which dashed through the Iron Curtain, are thought to be key figures in the anti-Communist underground.

They may have been selected to leave Czechoslovakia for a still undisclosed purpose—perhaps to plan an underground escape railway.

Said a drawn-faced ex-squadron-leader, who was the only one in last month's biggest-ever Czech break-out: "Communist oppression grows worse every day. All Czechoslovakia goes in fear of the terror."

WILL NOT TELL

"Religious persecution is starting. Until we crossed the German border we never knew the hour we would be arrested."

The squadron-leader smiled as he talked of his pretty young wife and six-month-old baby, who escaped with him. Six other ex-R.A.F. men brought their wives.

The fugitives refused to tell who are the 10 other Czechs, including a woman and a boy, who were in the escape bid from the start.

How was the dash planned? "Three of us just thought about it as we sat drinking coffee in a Prague airport restaurant the previous forenoon," said the squadron-leader. "Less than 24 hours later we landed at Munich."

He laughed when he was asked how it was possible for seven families and a bachelor to make arrangements to leave at short notice.

He told of an intimidation campaign to which all former R.A.F. officers in Czechoslovakia have been subjected for months. "Communist pilots of the Czech airlines and officials founded us with what we had done in the British Air Force. They scoffed at our British decorations."

"Some British wartime pilots have been sacked."

"I had to suffer a great deal of contempt and victimization for this," added the squadron-leader, pointing to his D.F.C. awarded for sinking a German transport in the North Sea. "All of us are proud of our British honours."

"We Czechs of the R.A.F. will give a good account of ourselves."

(London Express Service)

New York. Seven workers in every 100 in the United States are out of work. Eight States—Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Utah—have hit "depression level" with 20 to 30 percent jobless.

Congress is preparing a full-scale investigation. Total figure of unemployed fell by 600,000 last month, but still exceeds 4,100,000.

Away from the economic stormclouds, this is what is happening in America today:

BOOKS.—Dr Immanuel Velikovsky (Worlds in Collision) maintains that the Bible spoke literal truth when it said "the sun stood still" and the Red Sea dried up to let the Israelites through.

The Velikovsky theory: It all happened when Venus ran amok.

Official attitude of the astronomers: "Nonsense!"

Velikovsky replies tartly: "These men are still living in the 17th century."

BUTTONED SHOES

FOR MEN.—Edwardian buttoned shoes are back. Golfers are wearing trousers with snap-fastener turnups to lift them out of the mud.

WOMEN. are fascinated by a new bath mat made of paper. Use it a couple of times, throw it away. No more laundry

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TRAVELLERS are offered electric irons, razors, percolators and clocks to run anywhere in the world, on any sort of current, without adapter.

MARRIAGE.—In Rhode Island, 24-year-old William Baker is to wed 62-year-old twice married Alfretha Jencks.

DIVORCE.—At Miami, Florida, John Ambicki said that on their wedding night he found his bride's dog in bed with them.

HELP FOR INDIANS

ARROW is helping Red Indians, following reports that many are starving on reservations.

ARROW stands for American Restitution and Righting of Old Wrongs. President, Will Rogers, son of the comedian.

DUST-STORMS in the West are again blowing whole fields away.

People fear the dread "Dust Bowl" years of the early '30s are on their way back.

(London Express Service)

MRS KAYE WRITES SONGS FOR HER HUSBAND DANNY

Important woman arrived in England last week: Mrs Danny Kaye, 31-year-old wife of the comedian. She is dark-haired. Her name is Sylvia. She married Danny 10 years ago.

Sylvia Kaye looks small beside her husband. She is only 5ft. 1½in. but she has a slim figure, well proportioned to her height.

She is modest about her success, although she writes songs for Danny. Best known of these: Stanislavsky, Pavlova, Melody in Four Fs.

Her thick hair looked crisp, Mrs Kaye designed the style herself. At the back she has several deep rows of curls and soft waves at the front. "At its best, my hairline should curve to give a saucer effect," she explains.

How does she think of Danny's songs?

Sometimes they just come to me—sometimes I have to work hard at them.

"Melody in Four Fs took me only half an hour, but I've had

never seems to practice," says Mrs Kaye.

From her red-lined leather beauty box Mrs Kaye took a small gold case. It opened with an automatic shutter, revealed a lipstick brush. "It only cost a dollar, but I like it better than any others," says Mrs Kaye.

With the brush she takes lipstick and rouge from an ordinary case. Also in her make-up box a revolving mirror on a stand of bubbly glass.



Mr. and Mrs. Danny Kaye with Rex Harrison pictured at Southampton

to work for eight weeks at some of the others."

Is it a question of inspiration or mood? "No, sometimes I go into a depression and then I produce a song—just like that."

Sylvia and Danny often squabble over their songs in the early stages, argue fiercely about timing, expression, and the speed of singing. "Sometimes Danny stands hours learning a new song, but often he

Then Mrs Kaye spoke about their only child, Dana, aged three and a half. "She has a remarkable resemblance to both Danny and myself," she told me. "She has blonde hair and blue eyes."

She never wears a hat. "I haven't possessed one since I left school," says Mrs Kaye.

Mrs Kaye and Danny hope to stay in Europe for a two months' holiday.

(London Express Service)

Iron Curtain buyers will be at BIF

Russian buyers are among those from behind the Iron Curtain expected to attend this year's British Industries Fair being held in London and Birmingham from May 8 to 19.

Others are coming from Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Hungary and Poland.

They will join the thousands arriving from all parts of the world. Buyers from Hongkong and Singapore are leaving soon.

The tallest exhibit at the Fair—an 80ft. high pile-driver with sliding leaders and a six-ton single-acting hammer, worked by steam—is being moved into position shortly at Castle Bromwich, Birmingham.

STONE CRUSHER

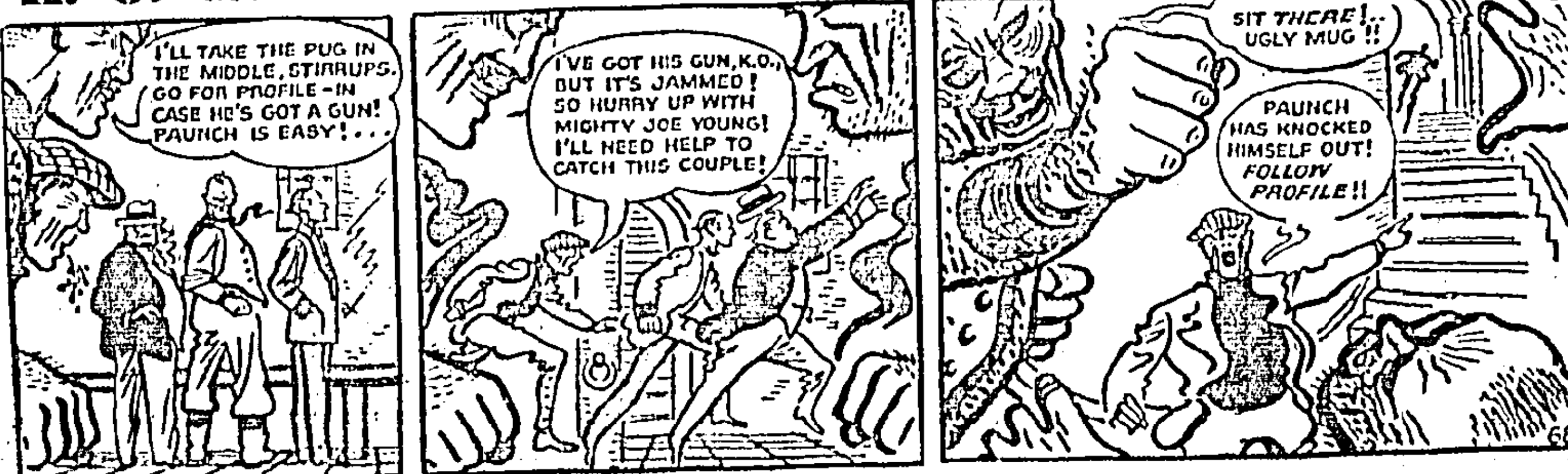
Other "heavies" are a stone crusher of 40 tons and a road-making "factory" 30ft. long and 27ft. wide.

A 15-ton mixing machine for the artificial silk industry has already arrived.

There are included in the 1,000 tons of engineering exhibits to be shown. They are being currently exported to 70 countries.

Site preparations for the London sections of the Fair—which is being held at Olympia and Earls Court—have begun.

K. D. CANNON The Middle of the Red Domino

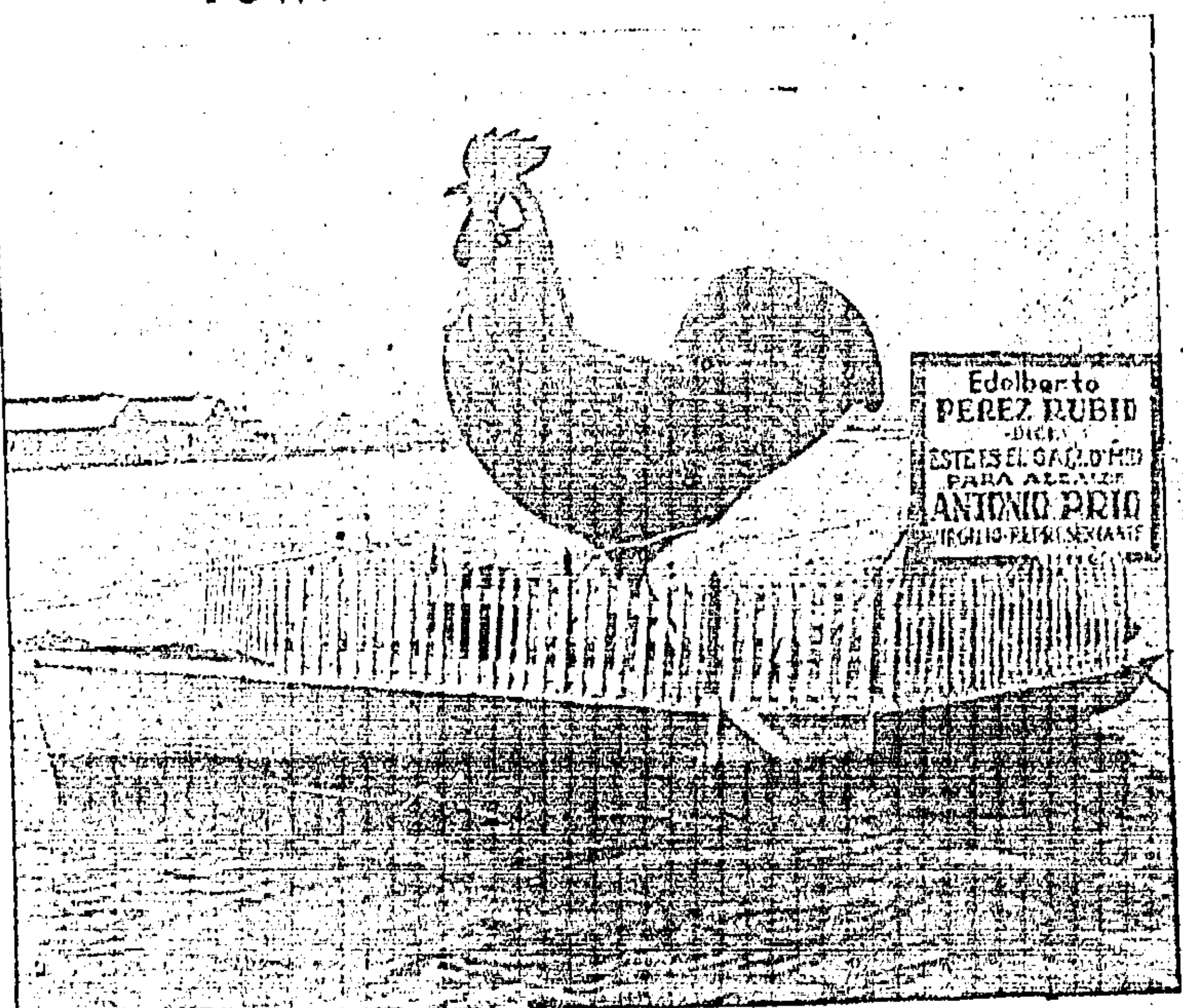


Wedding Dresses For Airwomen

Two wedding dresses have been obtained by the Far East Air Force for the use of airwomen who may marry during their tour of duty in the Command.

The two dresses are of different design. In white figured satin, complete with veil and coronet wreath of orange blossom. A fee of \$3 to cover the cost of cleaning, is charged for the loan of these wedding outfits.

FOWL POLITICS IN CUBA



ANTONIO PRIO, brother of the President of Cuba, and a candidate for the mayoralty of Havana, has this odd political sign anchored in the harbour. The sign plays recorded music, and announces political slogans for him. (Acme)

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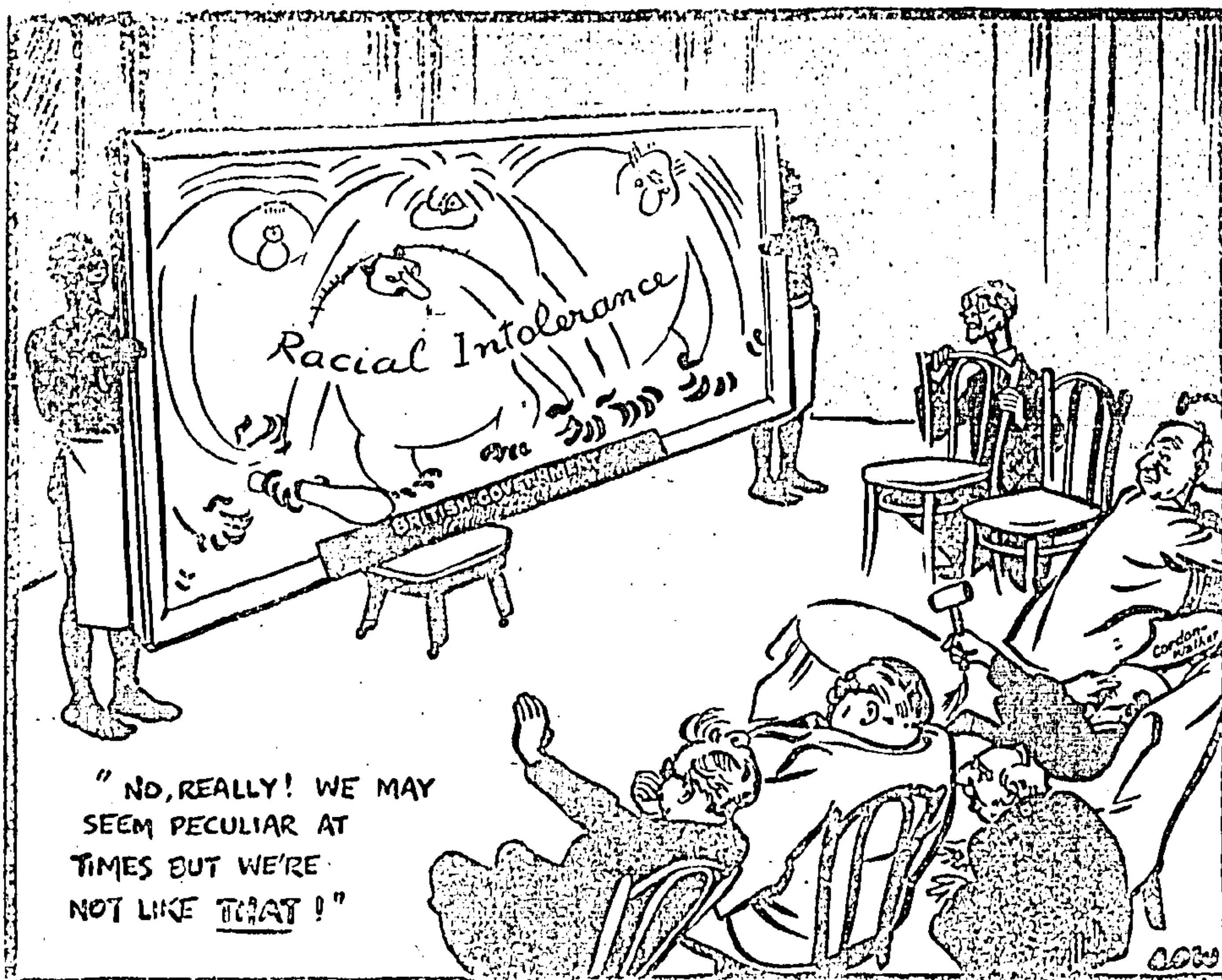
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"NO, REALLY! WE MAY SEEM PECULIAR AT TIMES BUT WE'RE NOT LIKE THAT!"

AN ENTRY FOR THE POLITICAL ACADEMY

Sefton Delmer's
NEWSMAP
poses a question:
HOW FAR IS THE FAR EAST...?

The clue in that Kremlin banquet

WHAT a good thing it is that coffee is not rationed in Britain. For there is no more soporific job than reading Russian newspapers and monitoring reports of the Soviet radio.

If they had not had plenty of coffee to keep them awake and lively, the backroom boys who comb through both for portents of Soviet intentions might easily have missed a certain Kremlin "court circular." It was the one (it has just reached London) which followed the banquet given by Stalin for the Chinese Communist boss Mao Tse-tung, in honour of the signing of the new Soviet-Chinese alliance.

More easily still might have been missed the highly significant tit-bits the circular contained about the Ambassador and the Deputy Commissar.

Painstakingly and dutifully our backroom boys scanned the list of guests in the Kremlin communiqué.

There, lo and behold, they found that the Deputy Commissar of the Manchurian Regional Administration had been given precedence over Mao Tse-tung's Ambassador in Moscow.

Deliberate it must have been. For in matters of precedence the Kremlin egalitarians are sticklers for the strictest protocol. In the art of separating the V.I.P. from the V.I.P. In-

deed they beat even the Lords of Louis XIV's bed-chamber.

By giving priority over the accredited Ambassador to a man who is (1) only the official of a provincial authority allegedly subordinate to the Chinese Central Government, and (2) not even the head of that authority but its deputy head, the Russians were undoubtedly staging a minor, but none the less very important, political demonstration.

I believe that in this incident we have a vital clue to the new Soviet policy in the Far East, hitherto kept as secret as the secret clauses of Stalin's treaty with Mao Tse-tung. It is good that we should know what it is. For although that policy aims immediately at the men and women of Moscow, Peking, and Harbin, its effects will be felt equally in Manchester, Peckham, and Huddersfield.

Russian snub

AS I see it, this Russian snub to the Chinese Ambassador means two things—

1. Far from keeping their promises and handing back Manchuria to the Chinese, now that China has a pro-Soviet Government, the Russians are determined to hang on to it. They are accordingly treating Manchuria not as a part of China but as a Japanese puppet State. Its highest dignitaries, therefore, outrank the ambassadors of other States in Moscow.

2. Stalin has given the highest priority to the military preparation—defensive and offensive—now being made by the Russians in Eastern Siberia, where the Soviet Union, to all intents, borders on the United States and Canada.

He has put the exigencies of preparing for a possible Arctic war with the Americans above the political need to save the face of the Chinese Communists, and avoid the risk of their being provoked into a Titoist rebellion.

Above all, he has put Russia's military preparedness in Siberia ahead of the clandestine war against the British in Malaya, the French in Indo-China, and Western trading interests generally throughout Southeast Asia.

He'll risk all

FOR this clandestine war is being waged under the direction of Chinese Communists. It is being supplied from China and financed by Chinese. If China went Titoist, that war would almost certainly peter out, just as did Marshal Tito's guerrilla campaign in Greece.

Stalin is prepared to risk all this in order to hold on to Manchuria. His experts have told him that Manchuria is essential to Russia's military plans in Siberia, because it is the only practical source of food supplies for the armies of workers and soldiers now encamped in Siberia.

Clearly this brush between the Ambassador and the Deputy Commissar, and the whole situation it reveals, presents an opportunity which our diplomats and political warriors could exploit.

From what I saw and heard, however, during my recent trip across Southeast Asia, I believe the risk which Stalin is taking is a fairly safe one.

On the evidence I was given he has every reason to consider Mao Tse-tung as safely in the Russian pocket for the next five years at least.

Famine is sweeping China and with it pestilence. Banditry which always accompanies famine in China, and usually follows in the wake of a war, is once more ruling its head.

The new Communist Government is already finding considerable difficulty in asserting its authority in the newly conquered territory. It has had to appeal to Russia for more help.

And in Formosa—

IN addition to Soviet staff officers, political and administrative advisers, it has now had to summon Russian troops.

Soviet military units, mostly anti-aircraft troops equipped with German-made anti-aircraft guns, have—so I was told by a Chinese just come from there—

now made their appearance in Nanking and Shanghai.

The American-sponsored Government of Mao Tse-tung's antagonist Chiang Kai-shek is proving itself as corrupt, incapable, and unpopular in its last-ditch refuge on the island of Formosa as ever it did on the mainland of China.

Vast cases of American machinery supplied under aid plans, I was told, can be seen lying broken open, rusting, and rotting on the wharves of Keelung.

The ruthless oppression of the native population by Chiang's army and Chiang's politicians has created another pro-Communist fifth column longing for liberation by the Chinese Reds.

No nursing...

THROUGHOUT South-east Asia the alliance between Communism and the anti-Westernism of Western-educated Asiatics hungry for power has produced a revolutionary situation which requires no nursing from Moscow.

On top of all this comes: (a) The continued concentration of the Western world in the European front in the mistaken notion that the Far East is still far away;

(b) On top of that the dangerously conflicting policies of the Western Powers in the Far Eastern theatre.

All these are factors which must encourage Stalin and his Politburo advisers.

They must be convinced that they are safe to build up their military position in Siberia and Manchuria and risk the political consequences.

(London Express Service)

A MAN WITH Four Million Pounds A Year

By JOHN PREBBLE

A NEW man-with-the-biggest income in the-world comes into the news.

His annual income is probably larger than any man's has ever been. It is just short of £4,000,000 a year: roughly £280,000 a month, £70,000 a week, or £6 16s. for every minute of every day.

And it is free of all taxation except what he cares to impose upon himself.

This new Croesus is Sheikh Sir Ahmad al-Jabir as-Subah, KCSI, of Kuwait. He rules 100,000 subjects in 2,000 square miles of sand and oases at the tip of the Persian Gulf.

And, as with other of the world's richest men, his is a most incomprehensible fortune flows from oil.

Reports just published give the first definite indication of the sheikh's wealth. Oil rushes from his country at the rate of 1,120,439 tons a month.

On a royalty basis this means 5s. a ton for Sir Ahmad, £3,360,000 a year, paid in Indian rupees. And almost every month the rush flows more strongly, taking him up to the £1,000,000 line.

Its only city is walled in

THE sheikh is an erect, dignified man of 65, with a short, grizzled beard resting on a double chin.

Genial crow's-feet eyes crease the corners of dark eyes looking out from beneath a gauzy-patterned head-dress.

He is a typical Arab town, surrounded on three sides by a wall 15ft. thick and on the fourth by the sea.

Before oil was found Kuwait had remained unchanged for centuries, writing its history slowly in pearls and poverty, in the breeding of fine horses, in the building of the bawny tent shows which once brought its only water supply.

This water came in goat-skins from 50 miles down the coast and was sold at a rupee a skin.

Oil has brought them luxuries

NOW oil has changed all that. It has brought luxury cars and radiograms, chromium plate and fluorescent lighting.

It has paid for diesel tankers which bring in 100,000 gallons of water a day. It has cleared and straightened the narrow main street of El Kuwait. Where once meandered the dark men of the desert, herding their goats now stand white-jacketed Arab traffic policemen beneath shady umbrellas.

Soon oil will pave the streets and shut out the sand that has

drifted through the town for ages.

The fantastically rich sheikh has opened a fine modern hospital with 150 beds under a British medical officer. There is a handsome two-story department of education and many primary schools.

Education is free, but not compulsory. Brighter boys are sent on to Cairo for further education.

Sir Ahmad is also planning a £1,000,000 distillation plant which will give Kuwait its own water and may even roll back the centuries to the years of Abraham when the desert was green.

But the women are still veiled

WHILE the richer Kuwaitis are becoming Westernised the sheikh still disapproves of Western dress. The women are veiled.

The sheikh himself lives in a gleaming white palace which, except for the introduction of air-conditioning and a telephone, has remained unchanged by his wealth.

There, in two large state-rooms, he meets visitors and holds court.

He is an absolute ruler, controlled by custom, not constitution. But he has an advisory Cabinet.

A cautious man, he looks on his new wealth with some scepticism, believing that what Allah has given Allah may as readily take away.

But he made some concessions to the Western fever which has flushed the face of his country.

He has a motor yacht, a rifle, and he occasionally attends the horse races organised by employees of the oil company.

But he himself owns no horses.

Fair in all his dealings

HE has, naturally, become the target of those who would help him exploit his money.

On his one visit to Britain 15 years ago, he met the King, bought a radio, and went to the dentist.

Recently a group of speculators tried to interest him in starting a string of racetracks. They showed him a film of the Derby.

He watched politely, but at the end expressed an interest only in the peculiar gesticulations of the jockeys.

His family life is traditional. In accordance with custom, he has more than one wife, and many children.

"I have a high regard for Sheikh Sir Ahmad," said a British official recently, upon his return from El Kuwait.

"He is fair in all his dealings, and has not let his immense wealth go to his head. He is proud that his country is now rich, and considering the short time he has had the money he has done a lot for his people."

(London Express Service)

The Judges Scratched Their Heads

IS it a crime to marry your own mother-in-law? Most people, and in particular the hen-pecked husbands, would say immediately that a man wanting to marry his mother-in-law is mad and should be shot.

But it has actually happened. Mahmoud Abdel Ghaffar comes from Sakara. He married Snadia, a young virgin just turned 16.

The court report, as appearing in Akher Laba, a Cairo weekly magazine, said there were no marital relations between husband and wife. He soon divorced her and married his mother-in-law.

The authorities heard of it and the blissful second marriage was charged as unlawful and proceedings were started against Mahmoud.

In vain did the first wife say she was glad her husband married her mother. In vain the pleas of the second wife that she did not realise it was criminal to marry her former son-in-law.

The authorities read out laws Press.

which said the procedure was criminal. However, Mahmoud had asked a lawyer to defend him. The lawyer produced the bombshell. He read out pronouncements by Al Korany, who compiled a set of Koranic laws, and laws from the Moslem legislation written by Mohammed Ben Ali Hun Al Ashahani Al Kirbassy in his volume on Shari'ah laws (Moslem legislation). They showed that this act was no criminal offence but quite legal.

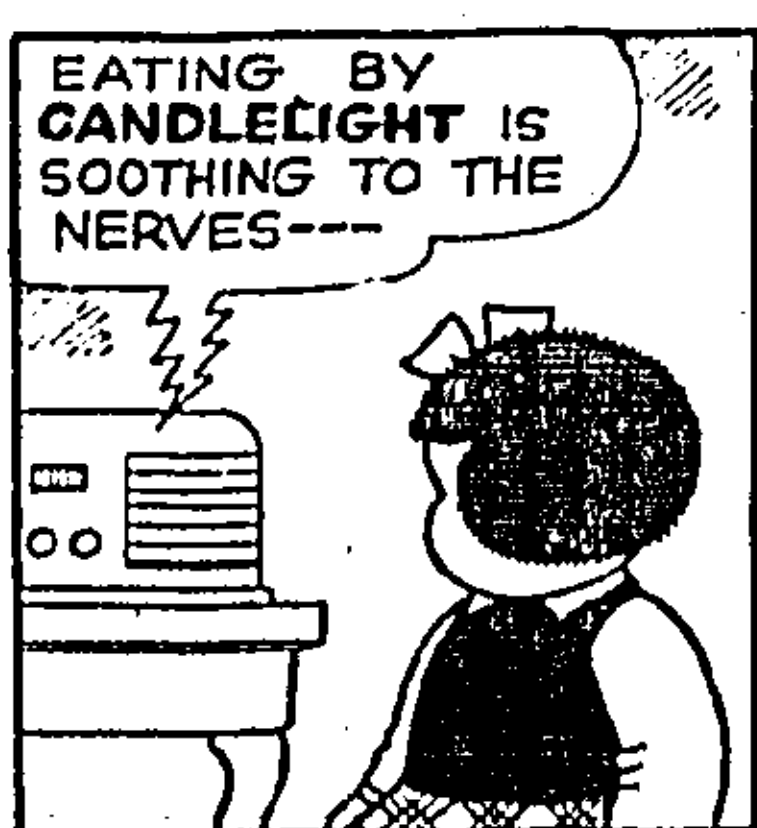
By SAM SOUKI

The lawyer concluded: "If this point is one of dispute between the erudites, will our consciences permit us to condemn an ignorant peasant who cannot even sign his own name?"

The judges scratched their heads, and decided to investigate the matter further. — United Press.

NANCY

Frank Suggestion



By Ernie Bushmiller



REPARATIONS: RUSSIA ACCUSES ITALY

ATONEMENT THROUGH COMMUNISM

Tokyo, Apr. 12.—The son of a former criminal, who was executed with Hideki Tojo, said today he joined the Communist Party because he wanted to "atone for crimes committed by my father."

Tadashi Itagaki, who made the statement before the House of Representatives committee, is the eldest son of former General Seishiro Itagaki, who was convicted of planning the "rape of Manchuria."

A former army lieutenant who returned from a Siberian prison camp this year, the younger Itagaki had been summoned to testify in hearings on the Communist Party boss, Kyuichi Tokuda, and his alleged interference with the repatriation of non-Communist prisoners.

He said he cried hot tears when informed in Siberia of his father's execution. He described the experience as a "spiritual rebirth."

When he returned to Japan he joined the Communist Party. Itagaki said the tyrannical actions of Japanese army officers in Siberian prison camps helped the development of the Communist movement among prisoners.—United Press.

Rivals For Trieste

Big Three To Discuss Future

London, Apr. 12.—Britain, France and the United States are discussing the future of Trieste, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

Usually well-informed quarters here believe that plans to warn Marshal Tito against any attempted coup following next Sunday's elections in the Yugoslav-occupied zone of Trieste have been dropped.

The Western Powers are apparently not convinced, following a flat note made last week by Marshal Tito to a special correspondent of the London Times and other indications from Belgrade, that any coup is intended.

Their discussions were thought to be centring on the question of whether any negotiated settlement is possible between Italy and Yugoslavia.

The hostile reception by the Yugoslav press of the recent speech made by the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, in Milan, was not considered by observers here to indicate much basis for negotiations.—Reuter.

Peking Offers Compensation

London, Apr. 12.—The Foreign Office said today that the Peking government had indicated its readiness to pay compensation for taking over the compound of the British Legation in Peking.

Officials said the Chinese Communist authorities had given the British charge d'affaires advance notice of their intention of occupying the compound on April 11.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"All the young girls are silly, Mom—I wish I could find one as sensible as you, but I guess I'll have to wait till they're old ladies!"

Balkan assets "deliberately delayed"

London, Apr. 12.—Russia has handed the Italian Ambassador in Moscow a note alleging violations of the Italian peace treaty, particularly regarding reparations, a Tass message from Moscow disclosed today.

The note alleged that the reparations due to Russia under the treaty had not been paid. It recalled the article of the treaty stipulating that reparations had to be paid by transferring Italian property in Bulgaria, Rumania and Hungary to the Soviet Union.

The Soviet note accused the Italian Government of deliberately delaying the presentation of a correct statement of the Italian assets in Bulgaria, Rumania and Hungary.

"Up to the present the Italian Government has not yet paid reparations from current production," the note said. "Both the peace treaty and the Soviet-Italian agreement stipulated that reparations from current production must begin on September 15, 1949."

"In accordance with Article 74 of the peace treaty with Italy, which entered into force on September 15, 1947, and in accordance with the Soviet-Italian agreement of December 11, 1948, on payment of reparations to the Soviet Union, Italy has to pay to the Soviet Union reparations totalling US\$100,000,000."

"The Soviet Government, in its note of September 22, 1949, already drew the attention of the Italian Government to the necessity for the fulfilment of its obligations concerning deliveries on account of reparations to the Soviet Union from the current production of Italian industry."

"Over six months have elapsed since the date set by the peace treaty for the beginning of deliveries from current production. The Italian Government has nevertheless not yet started deliveries on account of reparations from current production, which has a negative effect on the entire development of the Soviet-Italian economic relations."

"The Italian Government explains the non-fulfilment of its obligations with regard to deliveries to the Soviet Union on reparations account from current production, in its memorandum of January 14, 1950, by the fact that the negotiations for determining the value of the Italian assets in Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania have not yet been completed."

The note recalled that Italy, in accordance with the peace treaty, and the Soviet-Italian agreement of December, 1948, is to pay reparations to the Soviet Union both through deliveries from current production and by the transfer of Italian assets in Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary.

The Soviet Government drew attention to the "excessive delay" in defining the value of the Italian assets in the three countries. This was "the result of the absolutely unfounded position of the Italian Government, which, in evaluating the Italian assets in Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania, put forward non-sensical demands verging on absurdity."

The Italian Government was further accused of arbitrarily

increasing the evaluation of assets "without presenting any such proofs as could at least to some degree confirm such an evaluation."

According to the Italian estimate, such assets amount to US\$32,905,000. The Soviet Government found it necessary that the volume of deliveries from current production of Italian industry be established without delay and deemed it necessary that representatives of both sides be instructed to take immediate measures to settle the question of the value of the Italian assets in Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary.—Reuter.

Rome says: "It's not our fault"

Rome, Apr. 12.—The Italian Foreign Office tonight denied the Soviet allegations on reparations. Pointing out that under the peace treaty Italy owes Russia, as reparations, US\$100,000,000, the Italian reply said the reparations were to be paid with her assets in Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary and the difference, if any, between the full sum and the value of the assets was to be paid in current industrial production.

The Italian note disclaimed responsibility for the delay in fixing the value of Italian assets in the three countries named.—Reuter.

HUNGARY TELLS U.S.: "CAN'T PAY"

Budapest, Apr. 12.—Hungary told the United States today that she would be unable to pay compensation in dollars for American property nationalised there, because of "the absence of commercial relations" between the two nations.

The Foreign Ministry refused in a note an American contention that the Nationalisation Act had favoured certain countries. The nationalisation decree specifically exempted property which had become foreign-owned under special agreement since the armistice.

(This referred to Soviet-owned companies which had formerly been German property or mixed Soviet-Hungarian concerns).

The United States Government was informed that Hungary would "make use of American property"—chiefly oil interests as compensation for unreturned Hungarian property.—Reuter.

South-East Asia Talks

(Continued from Page 1)

A Big Three meeting of the Foreign Ministers of Britain, France and the United States, were to go to Paris for talks with the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, on May 8 and then to proceed to London for talks with Mr. Ernest Bevin.

Mr. Acheson said that M. Schuman would join Mr. Bevin and himself in London for further discussions.

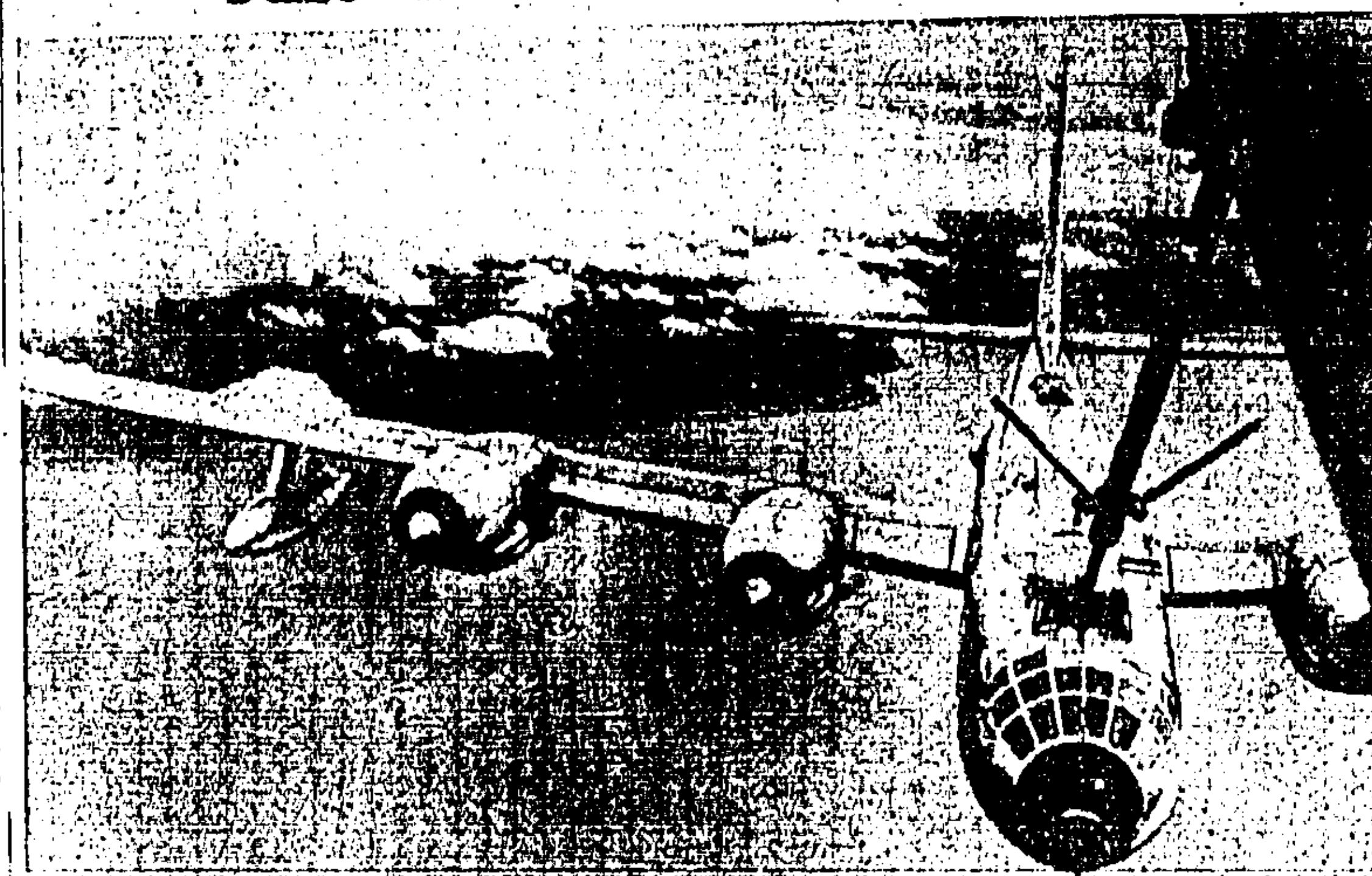
The United States delegation for the conferences had not yet been finally chosen, he said, but the principal officials who would accompany him were Dr. Philip C. Jessup, Ambassador-at-Large, Mr. John Sherman Cooper, former Republican Senator and the Assistant Secretary of State for Europe, Mr. George W. Perkins.

Mr. Acheson said that Mr. Cooper would, by agreement, represent the Republican view instead of Mr. John Foster Dulles, the Republican foreign affairs expert.

Mr. Dulles was recently appointed consultant to Mr. Acheson.

Mr. Acheson said that the State Department was at present working with the other nations on the agenda for the North Atlantic and the Big Three meetings and therefore he could not comment on the questions which may be discussed at the meeting.—Reuter.

Just Another Little Drink



The aerial refuelling system developed for the U.S. Air Force, known as The Flying Boom, makes it possible for the aircraft to refuel in flight with greater speed and at higher altitudes than was previously possible. Photo shows: The new Flying Boom aerial system during actual midair operations. The big B-50D Superfortress flies below and behind the tanker B-29 as the telescope, controllable boom pumps fuel in to the bomber's tanks.

Unusual Illness

London, Apr. 12.—Fluid in the lungs, caused by an unsuspected heart disease killed the 35-year-old Egyptian wrestler Hassan Raouf during an operation here last week.

This was disclosed today at the inquest on Raouf when a verdict of death by misadventure was recorded. Dr. Harper anaesthetised for the operation told the Coroner that Raouf showed acute pulmonary oedema (fluid in the lungs) "a very unusual condition which we know little about. I have never seen one before. When it occurs it is always fatal."—Reuter.

KOHLBERG ANOTHER McCARTHY?

New York, Apr. 12.—Alfred Kohlberg, importer of Chinese textiles, who furnished Senator Joseph McCarthy with data concerning Owen Lattimore, said today that he considered Mr. Lattimore "very important" in the American policy change of line toward China.

"I consider him very important, but I do not myself have evidence to support McCarthy's statements," he said. "If I do know what evidence McCarthy has, why doesn't he sue me? He can't sue McCarthy."

Mr. Kohlberg, national chairman of the American Jewish League against Communism, publisher of the magazine "Plain Talk" and a backer of the Chinese Nationalists, said he had no knowledge whether Mr. Lattimore was a Communist and had never made such a charge.

THOUSANDS OF PAGES He said the Federal Bureau of Investigation intended to photograph "thousands of pages" of documents he had accumulated concerning the activities of persons connected with the Institute of Pacific Relations.

He added that he had been conducting a campaign against Communists, pro-Communists and Leftists who have gained control of operations of the IPR and have perverted it.—United Press.

Seychelles Rescue

London, Apr. 12.—Forty-three passengers and crew rescued from a wrecked show have been landed at Victoria, capital of the Seychelles colony, in the Indian Ocean, the British Colonial Office reported today.

A telegram received tonight from Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Governor of the Seychelles, said that the show was wrecked on Providence Island, one of the Seychelles group.

Those on board were rescued by the Seychelles Government motor fishing vessel Vanguard. They were all Maldivian Islanders and there were no casualties.

The show was bound from Colombo to the Maldivian Islands with a cargo of rice, fuel oil and cloth.

The passengers and crew are living in the Government quarantine station at Victoria awaiting repatriation through Bombay.—Reuter.

CAR MISHAP

At 8.15 a.m. today in Fort Street, a car No 3702, carrying a learner plate, knocked down a messenger boy on a bicycle. The lad, Chun Yue, was not seriously hurt, but his bicycle was damaged.



Smiling young passenger boarding a B.O.A.C. liner at London Airport is 14-year old King Feisal II of Iraq, pictured as he left for Baghdad where he will spend a month with his uncle, Prince Regent Abdullah. The boy King is on holiday from Harrow School, which has now broken up for Easter. He is due back at school on his 15th birthday—May 2.

Four Pointers For Owen Dixon

Lake Success, Apr. 12.—The United Nations Security Council today appointed the Australian jurist, Sir Owen Dixon, as Mediator in the Kashmir dispute. Both India and Pakistan today expressed their willingness to accept Sir Owen as the United Nations representative.

The voting on the appointment was eight in favour and two abstentions, the latter being India and Yugoslavia. None voted against. The Soviet members were absent owing to the Chinese boycott.

The duties laid out for Sir Owen in a council resolution of March 14, include the functions:

- 1.—To help the preparation and supervision of a programme of demilitarisation in the disputed zone.
- 2.—Be at the disposal of the two Governments and of the Security Council in making any suggestions which they may think will contribute to a solution of the dispute.
- 3.—To take over the responsibilities and powers formerly held by the United Nations Kashmir Commission.
- 4.—To prepare for the time when Admiral Chester Nimtz can take over as Administrator of the Kashmir plebiscite.

CEASE FIRE

In appointing Sir Owen, the Council also reaffirmed its earlier request to the two Governments to take all necessary precautions to ensure that the present cease-fire shall be faithfully observed.

They are also expected to take all possible measures to ensure the creation and maintenance of an atmosphere favourable to the promotion of further negotiations.

Indian leader detained in Malaya "for good order"

Singapore, Apr. 12.—The Federal Government spokesman stated today that the Indian trade union leader in Malaya, Mr. Sambasivam, had been detained again because his activities prior to his being charged with carrying an unlicensed revolver were such that his detention might be desirable in the interest of peace and good order.

Mr. Sambasivam has the right to lodge an objection against detention. If this is exercised his objection would be considered by a Committee of Review.

The Privy Council, meeting in London on March 30, granted Mr. Sambasivam's appeal from the death sentence, passed in March, 1948, by the Supreme Court of Johore, Malaya.

The Malayan Federal authorities said before his release on April 1 that they were awaiting a full official report of the London appeal decision before taking action.—Reuter.

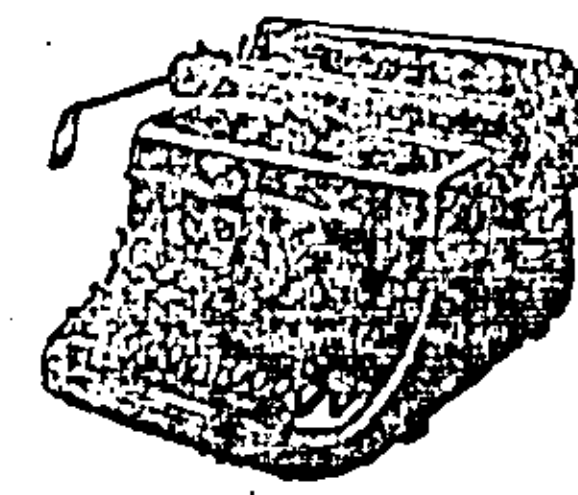
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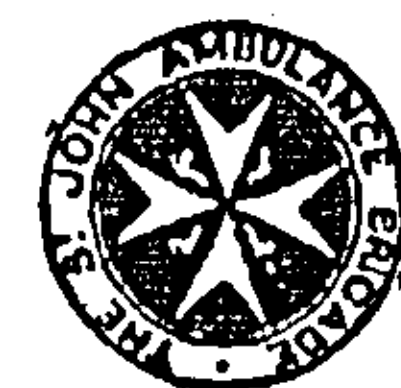
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A Year Of Dramatic Finishes

THE INTERNATIONAL RUGBY SEASON IN RETROSPECT

BY PETER LOVEGROVE

Perhaps the international rugby season, which came to a fitting close under a deluge of Welsh points at Cardiff on March 25, will be remembered through the years even more for its dramatic finishes than for the feats of the Red Jerseys. I cannot recall another Championship which packed so much dynamite in the dying moments of its encounters. Let me refresh your memory.

The tournament opened with France making one of their most exciting failures ever at Murrayfield. 45,000 spectators there had their hearts in their mouths as, with the Scots leading 8-0 (and many competent judges insist that the second home score came from a forward pass), the French pack hammered away at the home line with the utmost vigour. After many near misses, the visitors scored a try which Prat converted, and with only just a few minutes to go the same player, with a mighty penalty, all but dropped a goal from 50 yards. Scotland just had time to rush play to the other end, and the whistle went for "no side."

Then to near-Arctic conditions at Colombes Stadium in Paris. It was France this time in the lead by a dropped goal to nil. They had withstood a fierce rally such as only the Irish temperament can produce. Then, with only a minute to go, Ireland were awarded a penalty only 20 yards away and at not too difficult an angle. Scrum-half J. H. Burges, playing in his first International match, took the kick amid a veritable storm of boos, catcalls and whistles—and saved the day.

Now over to Twickenham with a hurricane blowing a fortnight later. Once again Ireland were three points down; once again they were awarded a penalty—only 50 yards away this time—with two minutes to "no-side."

There was a breathless silence among the crowd of 65,000 as their famous full-back, G. W. Norton, came up to take the kick.

Would history repeat itself? It didn't, but to add to the general tension, Norton got a second bite of the cherry, for though his shot dropped short it was felled by an English defender who promptly booted it straight back at him.

Norton let fly again, a drop this time, only to fall once more, and England had won their only success of the series.

Just how inexplicable was his failure can be judged by his next performance against Scotland, when he kicked five fine goals.

DECIDING GAME

Then to Belfast for the game that decided the issue of the unofficial Championship. The Ravenhill ground was crowded to capacity to witness what may well rank as one of the grimmest forward battles of all time.

Excitement rose to fever heat in the second half as Olympic sprinter Ken Jones gave Wales the lead and Norton was equalized with a penalty. The tension of the last few minutes was unbelievable as the red jerseys made their last desperate assaults in Irish country.

A draw seemed assured—and, to be honest, would have been a fair result—when in the last minute, the Irish fly-half, J. W. Kyle, who had been superb in defence, made a tragic error. He mislaid a difficult pass, and the ball went loose. Billy Cleaver scooped it up and passed it to Lewis Jones. Before the Irishmen could fully realise what was afoot, Jones was racing straight for the full-back with Malcolm Thomas on the outside.

As Norton closed on Jones, the ball shot out to Thomas, who took it at top speed and hurled himself over the line to give Wales the Triple Crown for the first time since 1911. Only a few seconds later, and what seemed like most of the 8,000 red-beretted Welshmen present had invaded the field brandishing scarlet umbrellas and saucers and were carrying off skipper John Gwilliam at any other red jersey they could lay their hands on off the ground in triumph.

FOR GOOD MEASURE

And, just for good measure, back to Murrayfield, drizzling rain, and a flag at half-time in sympathy with Wales over the air disaster. The issue there was quite clear, the Calcutta Cup for the winners, and the wooden spoon for the losers. But their destination did not appear as clear-cut as the fortunes of the game swung round and round for 75 minutes.

Korean Soccer Team Arrives

The main body of the Korean football team, including seven Olympic players, arrived here yesterday from Manila by Cathay Pacific Airlines. The team, headed by Kim Yong-sik, the Captain, was greeted at the airport by Mr. J. Skinner, Chairman of the Hongkong Football Association, and several other officials. The rest of the Korean football team of six players and five officials are due to arrive here by sea to-morrow. The names of the players who arrived yesterday were Kim Kyoo-whan, Pak Dui-chong, Chung Kook-chin, Chung Nam-sik, Lee Si-dong, Ming Bumbal, Kim Yong-sik, all Olympic players, Kim Yun-ki, Chang Young-whan, Kim Song-won, Lee Chong-kop and Choo Yung-kwan.

England, three points behind after a quarter of an hour, five points behind at the interval, suddenly found their best form to draw level and then lead 11-0, only to have victory snatched from their grasp when they might reasonably have felt assured that they had done enough to win.

A dash down the left touch-line by Angus Cameron five minutes from the end, a short-kicked punt inwards, and three Scotsmen were up to touch down. 11-11.

Full-back and new cap Tom Gray, who lost half his kicking foot in the war and played in a special boot, made no mistake with the conversion from some 70 yards, and Scotland then spent some time recovering the hats they had so jubilantly hurled into the air.

WHY WALES WON

The competition once again served to emphasize that it is forward play which has been the decisive factor since the war. Ireland won the honours in 1948 because of a magnificent pack, an outstanding half-back, J. W. Kyle, a goal-kicking full back in G. W. Norton and good defensive centres.

Taking a leaf out of their book, Wales who depended on outside play in the 30's, produced a really intelligent and fast pack, brilliantly led by Gwilliam, which bulldozed their way through the defences and completely tied up opposing halves and centres.

Outside they were generally very mediocre, but their tactical kicking and tackling were superb.

It must not be forgotten, however, that Bleddyn Williams, the outstanding centre in the four countries, was unable to play in any of the four International matches which may have contributed to the shipping of their strategy. It is significant that Wales' closest call came when they faced the team which played the same type of game as they did.

Though Ireland won one match only and finished third in the table, their pack was little if anything inferior to that of the previous year, but behind they suffered from a crop of injuries which caused continual re-shuffling, and they never settled down.

HIGH HOPES

England, who started the season with such high hopes of winning the Championship, proved the most disappointing of the quartette. They mixed Gaye van Hyneveld badly among the outsiders and the pack never fully lived up to its possibilities. Of the 22 points they scored, winger T. V. Smith obtained 12 from tries in four away and speedy Bokoyev-up, and Murray Horney's boot was responsible for seven.

Of the other major competitions, the Army, clearly the best all-round side, deservedly won the Inter-Service Championship by beating the Navy 16-6 and the RAF 11-2. Unbeaten in their earlier matches, the soldiers had their best season for many years.

Cheshire surprised us all by winning the County Championship for the first time in 75 years. With few first class clubs

on which to call, they relied on a big pack to upset the opposition by sheer determination, but at best they were only a mediocre side.

It may sound ungenerous to say that they were fortunate that both Kent in the semi-final and the star-studded East Midlands in the final were off-colour.

A penalty goal in the first game, and a try from a lucky bounce in the other, proved sufficient to get them the honours.

Northampton and Scotland's Tom Gray, than whom there is no more reliable place-kicker today, missed as many as five kicks in the final, and the Midlands' centres disputed chance after chance by passing wildly.

Pakistan Tennis Team Play Local Stars Today

Hongkong players to meet the Pakistan Davis Cup team were selected at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the HKTA yesterday.

Weather permitting, the matches will be played to-day and tomorrow at HKCC. If not, tomorrow and Saturday at the same place.

To-day's matches, Hongkong will be represented by N. Lo, K. H. Ip and the Taii brothers, while Benzin Saw, Lieut-Col Spence, Ip and Edwin Tai will play to-morrow.

Charges of admission are \$5 and \$2. Pakistan team arrived here yesterday from Manila by Philippine Air Lines.

They are Ahman Khawaja, Captain of the team, Ahmed Hussain Kohkhar, manager, M. A. Ahmad, Anwar Durrani. They are expected to stay for three days.

Final Acceptors For The City & Suburban H'cap

London, Apr. 12.—The five-year-old Tsakko, owned by Habib Bank Ltd., the High Commissioner for Pakistan, is among the 15 final acceptors announced today for the City and Suburban Handicap.

The acceptors (with weights) are: Tsakko (9 stone), Hyperbole and Moonlight (8.8), Iron Duke and Periscope III (8.7), Roc du Diabole and Burnt Brown (8.5), Refund (8 stone), Winton (7.10), Jacobite (7.7), Burnt Grass (7.10), Blk Wrt and Laverstoke (7.3), The Job and Valignus (7.1).—Reuter.

ROLLER FIGURE SKATING

London, Apr. 12.—Germany gained her third title in the European Roller Figure Skating Championships at Wembley, London, tonight, when Miss Fiechlein of Frankfurt, the 23-year-old German Champion, won the women's title after the closest finish in the history of the event.

With 802.3 points, she defeated Miss Jean McLean, of Britain, who scored 800.2 points. Miss P. Van Aken, of Belgium, was third.—Reuter.

CEYLON XI FOR SECOND TEST

Karachi, Apr. 12.—The Ceylon team for the second and last four-day Test against Pakistan, beginning on the Karachi Gymkhana ground to-morrow, was announced tonight as follows: Jayawickreme (captain), S. Wijayasinghe, de Soysa, Rodrigo, Malinga, Salih, Jayasinghe, Delapthada, Kelani and Gooneratne. The match man is Fernando.—Reuter.

RUGGER RESULT

London, Apr. 12.—Cheshire lost 0-3 to a Combined Services side in a Rugby Union match today.—Reuter.

TRIPLE CROWN WINNERS



The Welsh Rugby XV, triple Crown winners: Back row (L-R)—Mr. I. Jones, G. D. Robbins, Don Hayward, Roy John, R. T. Evans, Ray Cale and W. B. Cleaver. Front row (L-R)—Lewis Jones, John Gwilliam (Captain), Jack Mathews, Ken Jones, Malcolm Thomas, Cliff Davies and Gerwyn Williams. On the ground are Rex Willis and D. M. Davies.

THE SCOTS WILL NEED THEM AT HAMPDEN PARK:

The Two Greatest Match Winners In Football SAYS ALAN HOBY

Here is one of the most acid sports ironies of the year. For the last decade or so the Scottish international selectors have deliberately scorned their "Anglos"—those Scottish football stars who regularly play for English clubs. Up North they seem to have a peculiar prejudice against footballers like Johnny Harris (Chelsea) or Jim Scouler (Portsmouth)—to quote only two—who have migrated across the Border.

Yet it has never been more apparent, after their drubbing by the English League, that if they want to whip England at Hampden Park, Glasgow, on Saturday—and obviously they do—then every Scot will have to go on bended knees to the two greatest match-winners in modern football—and both of them are ANGLOS!

ONE BIG SNAG

Their names? Billy Steel, small, spry inside genius who plays for Derby, and Billy Liddell of Liverpool, the most dreaded winger in the English League.

These are the danger-men who can smash the Sassanachs! These are the Scots we shall have to watch, for both make off with the ball faster than a cat-burglar with a milk coat. But there is one outside snag in this anti-English conspiracy.

Although Liddell has played 16 times for Scotland, whenever he wears a Scotland jersey he seems to strip off his club form. Why? Liddell explained it to his Scottish colleague, Andy Cunningham this way: "When I play for Liverpool I always seem to be in the thick of the game. When I play for Scotland I feel tied to my wing for long spells. I lose the confidence to try something on my own."

"It's not that I'm scared in any way. But it seems to me easier to score for Liverpool because I always get more of the ball."

ANDY'S ADVICE

But Cunningham still confidently predicts that this Liverpool clerk will be Scotland's match-winner.

Like Steel, Liddell is a giant in English football. Of all the Scots at Hampden he should have the greatest superiority complex.

With Scotland's star, Willie Waddell, under the strain of so many injury interruptions, every Scot will be looking to the left wing for the thrust to topple England.

As Cunningham puts it: "Be bold be unorthodox. Liddell of Liverpool—and you'll do it."

England? I think the following team has a level chance of stopping even the Liddell-Steel menace, added though it will be by the English League: Aston: Wright, Franklin, Dickinson, Finney, Mannion, Mortensen, Baily and Mitten. Yes, Mitten, Manchester United left winger and football's forgotten man.

The selectors may prefer Arsenal's Laurie Seale to Ramsey at right back and Mullen or Froggatt to Mitten, but this would be my team. One other thing, I hear a lot of dangerous and despicable talk about this game degenerating into a blood-bath.

It is up to both teams to make this supreme football occasion what it should be—a classic encounter of Soccer elegance in which 134,000 people will watch 22 of our finest footballers pull out all their wizardry and brilliance.

COLOURED MAGIC

The Harlem Globetrotters, greatest basketball team, come to Wembley next month. Average height of these sensational 470 a week coloured magicians is 6ft. 10ins. In colour they range from ebony black through milk chocolate to pale beige, and the amazing things they do with that basket ball—it's about the size of a football—have been

making millions of customers in America cross-eyed for the past 22 years.

Half conjurers, half clowns, they flash the ball around at incredible speed. Yet most of the time they are standing still.

There is Marquis Haynes, who, to give his colleagues a rest, dribbles on his knees, on his back, sitting down and through his legs, and who can spin a ball on his index finger for more than a minute.

84-INCH REACH

There is "Reese" "Goose" Tatum, the group's court jester, who has an 84-inch reach... one-armed Boyd Bulie, who is a Bachelor of Science... and Nat "Sweetwater" Clifton, who can spin a sizzling pass with one mammoth hand and slash it

into the net without using his other hand at all. Since 1920 the Globetrotters have the fantastic record of 3,104 victories against 235 defeats.

Last year a million spectators throughout the Americas saw them mark up 140 wins with five losses.

There are still some who think basketball is a silly pastime—a sort of glorified netball.

The answer to that one is that the Globetrotters are also bringing over a special American-all-star white team. Against these Aces they will show you just how they produce their special brand of black magic.

(London Express Service)

The Football League's 'Hush-Hush' Meeting Had To End In Failure SAYS ARCHIE QUICK

Such is the autocracy and conservatism of Soccer's rulers that the special "hush-hush" meeting convened in London by the Football League was predestined to failure. Such is the commercial state of the game that clubs are chary of change and eye with suspicion any interlopers.

Thus, altogether there was some support for the extension of the two Third Divisions from 22 to 24 clubs each. It must be remembered that this was a secret meeting behind locked doors and it will be a very different thing, I opine, when it comes to the voting in the open at the annual meeting of the League in July.

I suggest that deserving clubs like Colchester, Gillingham, Merthyr, Yeovil, and Shrewsbury will still be singing "Baby, be cold outside", despite the fact that some of them are drawing bigger gates than some Third Division clubs.

"COME-INTO-THE-OPEN" As for the suggested "come-into-the-open" talk about under-the-counter payments to players it just did not materialise. Manchester City Chairman Tom Smith opened the debate, but only a few delegates spoke—and there was an attendance of 250 from the 80 clubs. No one intended to start up a hare. That old adage about people who live in glass houses must have been in their minds!

There was no support for Spurs' idea of three up and three down in each division at the end of each season, and the question of the dropping of the maximum wage was discreetly shelved but there were many on the side of Newcastle United who consider there are too many international calls upon clubs.

The "club before country" attitude is particularly unparliamentary in this special World Cup season, even if one can sympathise with the contention that it is the club that pays the wage and stands to lose even more than that.

STRANGE

It is strange too that Newcastle, who have had only Milburn in the England team occasionally this season, object, whereas Wolves, who supply Williams, Wright regularly and sometimes Hancock, Mullen, Eys and Wilshaw, and Foran, who give Dickinson, and Froggatt, do not, in fact, rejoice to see their players honoured. Makes

for greater enthusiasm and bigger gates, they say.

Of course, a lot of Newcastle's disagreement is connected with the cluttering up of League fixtures, and the clashing of representative games with important Cup-ties.

There is no doubt that the FA and the League between them would be muddled if they were to allow the English and Scottish Inter-League match at Newcastle and the Inter-League game with Elre at Wolverhampton by fixing them for Wednesday after big Cup dates, and thus exposing the possibility of selected League players crying off to assist their clubs in the Cup—as they did.

There was only one British athlete, who consistently bettered 50 seconds for the Low Hurdles, though there were two or three others who bettered that time once or twice through the whole season.

But the story of how Ho Hui-po, who is an engineering student at La Salle College in Manila, won an intercollegiate title, would scare off quite a few of our aspiring athletes from hopes of reaching the ranks of the new great, in this sport.

The routine for aspirants to the La Salle College track and field team (the Filipinos, like the Americans, call their athletes that) meant being up at 6.30 a.m. lectures and classes from 7.45 a.m. through the morning, on the track for practice from 2 to 5 p.m. and bed at 9.30 p.m.

Coach H. D. Cebraro, who brought his team to second place in both track and field events—there is a separate Championship in the branch of Athletics in the Philippines—did not mind one of his charges taking an occasional afternoon off, but when he said "occasional" he meant it.

These three hours of training in the afternoon were under a sun that could fry an egg. "When we came off the track at the end of the session," Ho Hui-po told us, "our backs were baked."

ON THE RECORD YOU CAN'T RUN YOUR FASTEST AT CAROLINE HILL

Anyone running a lap of the track at Caroline Hill Stadium—Ho Hui-po's fastest—can inform what spectators there are at the close of the effort that it isn't the fastest he is capable of.

So we are informed by a former Hongkong Inter-School Champion who is now a Philippine National Collegiate Champion and on his performances in the Philippines looks one of the best athletic prospects this Colony has produced.

The young man in question is Ho Hui-po, 19, elder son of our veteran tennis star, Mr. Ho Ka-lau, now Hon. Secretary of the HKLTA. He is no stranger to local open competition, having competed with some success in last year's Colony Championships while at St Joseph's College.

At his first four weeks of training at La Salle, he was able to do the High Hurdles in 10.4 seconds. After that improvement came at a slower rate but the coaching was no less intense.

The reward was a National Collegiate Championship in his freshman year in college. Ho has another three college years in which to defend this.

Besides winning the High Hurdles, the Hongkong boy placed third in the Low Hurdles, ran first leg on the 400 Metres Relay and anchor leg on the 1,000 Metres Relay. In both of which races La Salle finished second to Mapua.

Mapua College won the Track Events Championship and Ateneo College the Field Events Championship. La Salle finished second in both. Ho Hui-po was the high-scoring La Salle in track, while the College's high-scoring in the field events was a student named A. Franco who won the High Jump at 6 feet 4 inches and came near to 23 feet in the Long Jump. Both these marks, though they seem spectacular by Hongkong standards, are nowhere near the Philippines records.

How do Hongkong's standards in these events compare with those of the Philippines? We have two sprinters at least and one quarter-mile who can race with the best there and hope to win.

Not in the 100 Metres, though. There are about four Filipino sprinters doing 11 seconds or under for the short sprint and the Philippine National Inter-Schools Champion won in 11.1 seconds, or better time by two-tenths of a second than Peter McRae, accomplished recently in setting the local Inter-School record.

The National 200 Metres were won in 22.2 seconds and the NCAA 200 Metres in 23 seconds. The two high hurdles who came in ahead of Ho Hui-po in the National Championship did 13.0 and 13.7 seconds in winning the two heats.

Ho Hui-po will be competing for South China Athletic Association while he is on vacation from La Salle College. "Don't expect the same times from me I managed in the Philippines," he said. "These are impossible on that track except perhaps in the High Hurdles."

What can good tracks and training do for a boy of 18 an year after he leaves school? Ho Hui-po has provided the answer. An year ago his best times over the 100 Metres and Hurdles were 65.5 and 61.1 seconds. Now they are 52 and 50 seconds. "RECORDED."

BASKETBALL

Shanghai Team's First Defeat

The Warriors basketball team of Shanghai met their first defeat in six exhibition matches here at Caroline Hill last evening, when they lost to the Hongkong and Kowloon Combined, 51-52. The visitors were without the services of Wu Ching-chang, their coach and star player.

The game was marred by rough play, four players of the local team and one of the visitors being benched.

Scorers: Hongkong & Kowloon Combined. Ng Yuet-on 16, Chan Shing-kut 7, Lee Shui-hung 6, Lee Cheuk-man 3, Mark-lim 3, Koo See-yin 2, So Man-chim 6. Warriors—Wong Yung-fong 8, Fung-hui 12, Liang-shou 8, Shian Sung-ling 4, Shian Sung-yao 3, Chao Tse-chi 1, Nee Chi-kuen 7. The game was marred by rough play, four players of the local team and one of the visitors being benched.

April 17.—v. Combined "B", at Kowloon Chinese Y. April 18.—v. South China AA, at Caroline Hill. April 21.—v. Hongkong Chinese Y. April 22.—v. Combined "A", at Caroline Hill.

All matches will start at 8 p.m. and admission charges are \$3 and \$2.40.

ARELLANO LEAVE

After a 12-day stay in this Colony, the Arellano University basketballers complied for Manila yesterday by Cathay Pacific Airlines.

During their stay in this Colony, the Arellano Cagers had five matches with local teams.

FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Tournaments Teach You to Get Points

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

ONE of the reasons why tournaments are bound to improve your bridge game is that they teach you to get the maximum out of every hand. Bidding and making a claim in a suit may just give you an average on a board, while at no trump your chances may be better than average, because of the extra ten points.

Today's hand was sent to me some time ago by Paul Godin and J. J. Perrault, both of whom play an important part in tournament bridge in Montreal, Canada. They both have served as President of the Montreal Bridge League.

As soon as the dummy went down Mr. Perrault, sitting South, realized that most of the North and South players would play the hand at six spades, which they would have no trouble in making, and he knew that very few would take the spade finesse. But as his contract was no trump, he would be forced to

Godin	♠ A 7 6 3	♥ K 4 2	♦ K Q 9	♣ J
Perrault	♠ K 5 2	♥ 3	♦ A	♣ A Q 7 4 3 2
South	West	North	East	
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass	
2 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass	
3 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass	
4 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass	
5 ♠	Pass	5 ♠	Pass	
6 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	Pass	
Opening	♥ J			

take the spade finesse. If it worked he could then safely take the club finesse.

Mr. Perrault won the opening lead of the jack of hearts with the king. He led a small spade to the king and then cashed the ace of diamonds. Now he played a small spade and finessed the jack.

When he held the jack of clubs and when East refused to cover he let it ride. When it held the trick he cashed the balance of his spades, also the king and queen of diamonds. He now played a small heart to the ace and cashed the ace of clubs for his 12th trick.

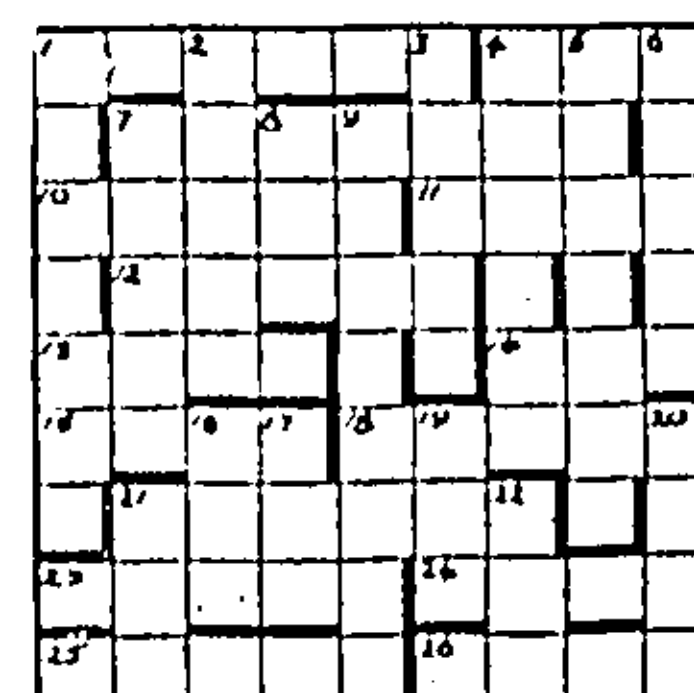
Thus, those who played the hand at six spades, and did not take the spade finesse, made 1430, while Mr. Perrault made a score of 1440.

Check Your Knowledge

1. What treatment in medicine is opposed to allopathy?
2. Distinguish between dextrose and dextrose.
3. What British fortress is nicknamed "The Rock"?
4. Name the first European capital to be liberated from Axis control by the Allies.
5. What is the native home of Ruchmannoff?
6. Whom did Leander swim nightly across the Hellespont to visit?

(Answers on Page 8)

CROSSWORD



- Across
1. A judge of men. (4)
 2. Soldiers, when this are said to be immortal. (3)
 3. Arrange in steps. (7)
 4. A spider was his mentor. (5)
 5. Hard outer casing. (4)
 6. Skillful at finding a small department. (5) 13. It's tops! (4)
 7. Found in these engines. (4)
 8. Any can join it for a nation. (4)
 9. This is an occasion. (5)
 10. Stop in for change. (4)
 11. You'll find scope in such a word. (4)
 12. In good health seemingly. (4)
 13. As good as a mile in two parts. (5)
 14. Make one sound. (4)

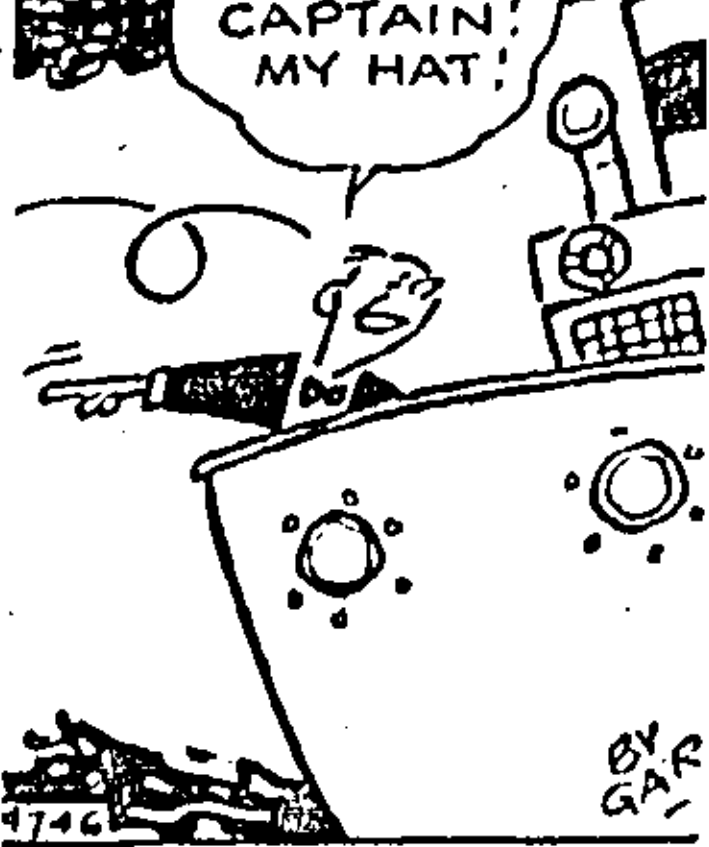
- Down
1. Take offence at such a bare gain. (7)
 2. Though of affected modesty, is chinty ill-behaved. (6)
 3. One of the planets. (4)
 4. Serving no practical purpose; i.e., good. (6)
 5. Lot little become easy going. (7)
 6. Trick of a kind. (5)
 7. Fruit. (4)
 8. It's a real winner. (3)
 9. Exhaustive. (7)
 10. This is a Yorkshire town you'll find. (4)
 11. The beginnings of a book. (3)
 12. This is not made casually. (3)
 13. Cabbage. (4) cake from Yorkshire. (5)
 14. Put on the hat. (4)
 15. Put on the hat. (4)

- Solution of yesterday's puzzle. Across: 1. G.O.P. 2. B. 3. B. 4. B. 5. B. 6. B. 7. B. 8. B. 9. B. 10. B. 11. B. 12. B. 13. B. 14. B. 15. B. Down: 1. B. 2. B. 3. B. 4. B. 5. B. 6. B. 7. B. 8. B. 9. B. 10. B. 11. B. 12. B. 13. B. 14. B. 15. B.

DUMB BELLS

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CAPTAIN! CAPTAIN! MY HAT!



YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

If you are born today, there is a certain duality in your nature which makes it difficult for you to decide exactly what you want out of life. It is your tendency to dominate people and conditions in your life, but, on the other hand, you lack the positive aggressiveness necessary for leadership. You are more apt to influence things behind the scenes than get up on stage and wave the baton.

You have a quiet, dogged tenacity which makes you one to follow through on an ideal, no matter what the opposition. You may appear to be moving backward for a time. Then suddenly, the breaks come and you shoot ahead much to the astonishment of those who are not aware of

your underlying fighting spirit and latent talents. Your ideas are exceptionally high and although you may appear to adhere to the conventional pattern, you have liberal tendencies which eventually will come into the foreground. You learn through experience and your talents and character are likely to develop with the greatest speed after middle life.

Your personal life may not be entirely happy, since you take all your responsibilities very seriously and only perfection satisfies you completely. To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday stars and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Don't let impulse control reason today, for you need cautious action now. Haste brings waste.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Avoid risky ventures. Be cautious in all undertakings if you are to be thoroughly wise just now.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Control your emotions if you are to get the best results from today's activities. Let reason rule.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Press all business advantages this morning. Hold your own against minor obstacles fearlessly later on.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Avoid extravagance in actions or ideas. Don't let a burst of temper defeat your best interests. Be patient.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Misunderstandings can wreck a future. Be diplomatic, tactful and patient. Then all will come out well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Discord needs patient harmonizing. Make sure you are absolutely right before fighting!

INTELLIGENCE TEST

Golf mystery

By T. O. HARE

MISS. Brown, White and Rose, said Percy Pink, "are the officials of my golf club. One of them is President, one is Secretary, one is Treasurer. But I haven't been able to discover who is what."

"Have you asked anyone?" said Mrs. Pink.

"Certainly I have," said Percy. "I asked four members. And these are the answers I received. (1) Mr. Brown is the Secretary. (2) Mr. White is not the Treasurer. (3) Mr. Rose is the President. (4) Mr. Brown is not the Treasurer."

"Well," said Mrs. Pink, "you can surely work it out from all that."

"I can't," said Percy. "I forgot to mention that one (but only one) of the four statements is untrue."

Who is the President of Pink's Golf Club?

(Solution on Page 8)

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. ELLERMAN
Black, 10 pieces.

White, 7 pieces.

White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Kt (K4)—B2, any; 2. Q, or R mates.

RECORDED MUSIC

YOU'VE NEVER HEARD

BACH UNTIL NOW

JUST about the ultimate in music and performance is to be had in the first eight preludes and fugues of Bach's "Well-Tempered Klavier" played by Wanda Landowska on her hurdygurdy. (RCA Victor; six 7-inch rpm's.) Marking the 200th anniversary of the master's death, these records also are the first instalment of Miss Landowska's willful legacy to musicians and music-lovers. Now 72 years old, she has recorded all 48 preludes and fugues which are in two sets of one prelude and fugue for each of the keys, arranged chromatically rather than by key relationships. Victor plans to release these 48 chapters of music's bible in batches of eight and presumably will release them all during this Bach bicentennial.

TAKEN ON FAITH

The result of Miss Landowska's considerable undertaking will be accepted on faith by all who know her—and who doesn't know her after her long life of luminously-projected musician-ship? A reviewer's comment begs heavily by being superfluous. Therefore, let it be limited to this: you haven't really heard Bach's keyboard music until you've heard it played by this sublime artist on her hurdygurdy. She is among the great Bachians of our time.

Another newly released Bach piece is the third motet, "Jesu, Dear Master," sung by a chorus of two sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses directed by Robert Shaw. (RCA Victor; four 7-inch 45 rpm's.) It measures with Shaw's notable series of Bach recordings without entirely equalling the practically flawless performances of the B minor Mass and the Magnificat. This one has been made a bit oblique by artless—a preoccupation with polyphonic exactitude at the expense of content. And what was the point of translating the text from the German when the singers make the English a mumble-jumble?

(Tomorrow—Unusual Angles).

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—If things are going crosswise, analyse your own temperament. It could be your own fault!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Impulsiveness can only bring trouble today. Be considerate of others and conservative in decisions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Plan ahead and you can avoid thoughtless actions and capriciousness. Pay attention to minor details.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Impulse is apt to lead to erroneous decisions. Base all opinions on experience. Use careful consideration.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Emotions can interfere with progress; so keep your own temper under control. Be patient with others.

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

King Nep's Friend Jupiter

By MAX TRELL

A STRANGE sort of rumbling and cracking noise seemed to be coming from the direction of the brook at the spot where it went winding past the willow. And when Knarf and Handi, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, ran over to see what was causing the noise, they could see nothing unusual at all—just the brook running slowly past the willow and curling gently around the old moss covered rocks.

But then suddenly Handi remembered that their friend King Nep (who once upon a time was called King Nep-lived in a small cave under the bank of the brook. So they climbed down along the marled

roots of the willow until at length they reached the cave. Sure enough, the rumbling and cracking noise came deep inside. It took a few moments for their eyes to become accustomed to the dimness of the cave.

"King Nep's there," said Knarf. "And he's sitting with another man—a very old man with a long beard."

Against the Wall

Handi said: "The man with the beard is throwing something against the wall. That's what's making the noise. Look—he's throwing something now!"

Knarf and Handi couldn't see what the old man was throwing. But whatever it was, it made a noise a little like thunder and (even stronger) there was a sort of flash of light, as though a match had suddenly flared up and died down again. Knarf and Handi now called inside, and the next moment King Nep came hurrying to the door of the cave.

"You don't know who that is?" King Nep exclaimed when Knarf and Handi asked him about the man with the beard. "Why that's Mr. Jupiter!"

"Jupiter?" said Handi. "Maybe," said King Nep, "you know him by his other name. It's Jove. You often hear people say—By Jove! That's Jove, or Jupiter. Once upon a time—long ago—Jupiter used to be called Jupiter. He used to have a palace on top of a high mountain. He was a real king."

BRONCHO BILL

Approaching Trouble

By Harry F. O'Neill

UNDER THE VERY EYES OF HOSTILE RED DICKS, BRONCHO BILL SEVERED WITH A FEW SHOTS, THE RAWHIDE THING THAT HAD LEAPED

ALL SETS THE RANGER BOY UPON HIS HORSE WITHOUT INTERFERENCE BUT—

BY THE WAY

ASKED yesterday by the

Governors of Narkover

School whether it was true

that a fourth-form boy had

been encouraged to lay in

formation that his father

was playing hoky-poky with

his income-tax returns, Dr

Smart-Alick said:—

"The boy needed no en-

couragement to do his duty. His

father had already laid infor-

mation that the boy was stealing

radio-sets and selling them.

Anyhow, this boy won't get any

pay for his meritorious act, as

all sums paid to informers at

Narkover go into a fund to re-

deem articles pawned by the

masters."

Venus in the Ascendant

(11.)

IT was fair day in the market

town of Durr. Swarthy

hillmen rubbed shoulders with

swarthy plainmen. The noises

of the animals mingled with the

shrill cries of the chonks, the

curse of the rakots, and the

deeper voices of the sellers of

wool. Little dealers prodded

sales in the ribs, or kicked pass-

ing zembas. From the upper

window of a large house over-

looking the square, the loveliest

eyes in Tibet were watching,

with cynical amusement, the

Heavenly effort of an obvious

stranger to be mistaken for a

dealer. Under the walnut-juice,

ink mud, and varnish Ding-

Poos, the Tibetan Venus, had

recognised the simple face of

Colonel Egham. Not even the

native costume could conceal

the golf-course bearing of the

Englishman who had so often

meddled in her affairs. When

this stranger's loud bid for a

baby yak was accepted, she

wondered what he was going to

do with the little beast. So did

he.

Hogwash's cepick

STILL bothered about his film

of the Odyssey, Hogwash

sent out for the book of the film.

His first impression was that

the guys who wrote it, Butler

and Lang would have to be

"contacted" so as to get their

dialogue sharpened up a bit.

He was also convinced that the

hero talked too much. Then he

wrote on a sheet of paper:

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London buyers

feeling the pinch

in rubber prices

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Apr. 12.—The continued rise in rubber prices and the fact that the Board of Trade has disposed of its stock of rubber accumulated during the war and in the immediate post-war period, has aroused considerable interest in future policy. These stocks are now estimated at 60,000 tons.

This large stock was mainly acquired at a fixed price of 18 6d a pound, but now rubber for immediate delivery is in extremely short supply and it is changing hands at a peak price of 1s 7 3/4d.

It appears that the Board of Trade could enter the market as a seller at a considerable profit.

FOR U.S. STOCKPILE

The Financial Times says today, "It is not known what proportion of the 60,000 tons stock—if any will be left after the sale to the United States of 26,000 tons for the American stockpile—will be retained by the United Kingdom Government as strategic reserve."

The acute shortage of nearby supplies is due to two main reasons.

The hold-up in supplies from Indonesia; and

2. The large-scale entry into the market of American manufacturers to replenish inventories.

It is now thought that the Indonesian situation will not return to normal for many months, and the Financial Times points out that should the output for the first quarter of this year fall short of the 1949 production figure of 431,000 tons, instead of expanding as expected, it was felt that there would be no new rubber available for the United States stockpile.

HEAVY BUYING

New York trade quarters have reported heavy buying by manufacturers to fill up stocks which had dwindled through the combination of "hand-to-mouth" buying for replacement of types.

American manufacturers are expected to consume almost all raw rubber shipped from the Near East this year and next.

Meanwhile, many members of the London market are feeling the pinch.

STEEL TALKS

CHEAPER TO

IMPORT

THAN MAKE.

Calcutta, Apr. 12.—Britain, Australia and the United States stressed the importance of developing trade between the area covered by the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and outside countries when the Commission's Iron and Steel Sub-Committee concluded its three-day session here today.

The sub-committee meets for a final sitting tomorrow to adopt a new programme of work for the Commission's Secretariat because of the suggestions made by the delegates during its current session.

The sub-committee today discussed the possibility of increasing inter-regional trade in raw materials and industrial products.

Delegates from 11 Asian countries and from Britain, France and the United States as well as from other United Nations organisations and SCAP (Supreme Command, Allied Powers) were attending.

NOT AVAILABLE

Delegates from Britain, Australia and the United States stressed the importance of developing not only inter-regional trade but also trade with countries outside the ECAFE region.

The Australian delegate said that although his country was prepared to import raw materials and other items from the

